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Thank Goodness It Stopped Before Zumba Class Started

A northeast Ohio sheriff's deputy has been fired for ordering five inmates to dance to a song by Usher in exchange for privileges such as using a phone or microwave. The Akron Beacon Journal reports one inmate did the worm, while another said he did the robot so he could use the phone. Investigators say the deputy said he was only trying to ease tension in the jail. (AP)

"Some visitors will... only see the stems. It's all a matter of one's perspective."

—Gwen Auwerda, a Tulip Time executive director, on news that the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Mich., might be more of a "stemfest" after unseasonably warm weather caused the flowers to bloom early. (AP)

ECONOMICS

Free Market Fans Suddenly See the Point in Regulation

Some students at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business are getting a late lesson in supply and demand: They might have to buy tickets to their own graduation Friday from scalpers. Some students didn't pick up the free tickets on time and found them being sold by fellow students on eBay, Craigslist and elsewhere. Student Shannon Beatty says students are selling tickets for \$200 apiece. (AP)

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NO LESS HEALTHY THAN THE REAL THING: Ayano Kikuchi, who works for Japan's fake-food maker Iwasaki Be-I Co., holds a hamburger tower made of plastic at the company showroom in Tokyo on Thursday. The company only sells fake-food items and its staff teaches others how to make them. (AP)

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Letters Portray a Weak Al-Qaeda

Military declassifies documents seized from bin Laden raid

Washington

Letters from Osama bin Laden's last hideaway, released by U.S. officials intent on discrediting his terror organization, portray a network weak, inept and under siege — and its leader seemingly near wit's end about the passing of his global jihad's glory days.

The documents, published online Thursday by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, are a small sample of those seized during the raid on bin Laden's Pakistan compound in which he was killed a year ago. By no accident, they show al-Qaeda at its worst. The raid has become the signature national security moment of Barack Obama's presidency and one he is eager to emphasize in his re-election campaign.

Those ends are served in the 17 documents chosen by U.S. officials for the world to see — not to mention American voters. The Obama administration has refused



to release a fuller record of its bin Laden collection, making it difficult to glean any larger truths.

What is clear from the documents released so far is that bin Laden and his inner circle struggled to keep the focus of Islamic terrorism on killing Americans and tamp down attacks by al-Qaeda affiliates on Muslim innocents. The documents describe the U.S. as "a malicious tree with a huge trunk," and its allies as mere branches not worth al-Qaeda's time.

The documents, which date from September 2006 to April 2011, were declassified by U.S. intelligence officials. As part of the declassification process, intelligence officials withheld any documents that they felt could inflame anti-American sentiment.

The release was the latest beat in a drumroll from the Obama administration. Over several weeks, officials have leaked select documents seized in the raid, Obama has made a surprise visit to Afghanistan and the president and senior officials have made themselves available for an hour-long show about the raid on NBC. CALVIN WOODWARD (AP)

Document Highlights

SEPT. 11 PLANS: It appeared Osama bin Laden was unaware of the planned bombing of Times Square in New York in May 2010 by al-Qaeda associates in Pakistan, but he was disappointed that it failed.

ATTACK AMERICA: Bin Laden wanted al-Qaeda to focus on the U.S.: "Even though we have the chance to attack the British, we should not waste our effort to do so but concentrate on defeating America," reads one letter.

ON THE U.S. MEDIA: Adam Gadahn, one of bin Laden's spokesmen, provided a summary of his view of U.S. TV cable news:

"From the professional point of view, they are all on one level except [FOX News] channel, which falls into the abyss as you know, and lacks neutrality too."

"ABC channel is all right; actually it could be one of the best channels, as far as we are concerned. It is interested in al-Qaida issues," Gadahn wrote. Bin Laden himself mentioned CBS as a possibly unbiased network. (AP)



Big Shoes to Fill: The tallest man in the U.S. traveled from Minneapolis to Massachusetts on Thursday for a custom shoe-fitting with Reebok that he hopes will help him live a normal life. Igor Vovkovinskiy, originally from the Ukraine, says he's had 16 surgeries in six years to fix problems created by shoes that didn't fit. He's 7 feet, 8 1/3 inches tall with a shoe size somewhere between a 22 and 26. The shoes will cost \$12,000 to \$20,000. (AP)



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GREENSBORO, N.C.

Edwards' Ex-Aide: Affair Secret Was Hard to Keep



Another former close aide to John Edwards testified Thursday about bungled efforts to keep the former presidential candidate's affair with

Rielle Hunter a secret. For months in 2006, John Davis said staff members had been concerned that Hunter, the woman hired as a videographer for the campaign, was becoming too close to Edwards. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Military Officials Warned To Get Troops in Line

Military leaders told commanders Thursday to get their troops in line and refrain from misconduct such as urinating on enemy corpses, in a sharp response to the tasteless photos and other bad behavior. (AP)

NEW YORK

Facebook Sets \$28 to \$35 Price Range for Its IPO

Facebook on Thursday set a price range of \$28 to \$35 for its initial public offering of stock. At the high end, this could raise as much as \$11.8 billion. That's much higher than any other Internet IPO in the past, even Google Inc. in 2004. (AP)

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**Nation****Slow Going for Economy**

Hiring, housing seem to be improving, but not accelerating yet

Washington

The U.S. economy's recovery looks enduring. It's just not very strong.

Hiring, housing, consumer spending and manufacturing all appear to be improving, yet remain less than healthy. Economists surveyed expect growth to pick up this year, though not enough to lower unemployment much.

A clearer picture of the nation's economic health will emerge Friday, when the government reveals how many jobs employers added in April.

"The outlook is for continued moderate growth," John Williams, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, said in a speech Thursday. "Nonetheless, we have nearly 4½ million fewer jobs

Vital Signs

The government's economic data have been sending mixed signals about the health of the recovery from the Great Recession. Here's a look at the economy's vital signs:

JOBs: The job market is gradually improving. On Thursday, the government said the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week fell by a sharper-than-expected 27,000 to a seasonally adjusted 365,000.

HOUSING: Economists say housing growth can't accelerate until national home prices finally hit bottom. Still, spending on home construction and renovations rose from January through March by the most in nearly two years.

CONSUMERS: Americans have proved surprisingly willing to spend. In the first three months of the year, consumer spending grew at an annual pace of 2.9 percent, the fastest in more than a year. (AP)

3.84%

The average U.S. rate for a 30-year loan, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday — the lowest since long-term mortgages began in the 1950s. (AP)

today than five years ago, and the unemployment rate remains very high at 8.2 percent."

The 32 economists polled by the AP late last month are confident the economy has entered a "virtuous cycle" in which more hiring boosts consumer spending, which leads to further hiring and spending. They expect unemployment to drop from 8.2 percent in March to below 8 percent by Election Day.

But they still think the rate won't reach a historically normal level below 6 percent until 2015 or later. And they predict hiring will slow the rest of this year from a relatively brisk December-February pace. PAUL WISEMAN (AP)

Hazing Clouds FAMU Band's Future**Tallahassee, Fla.**

Now that 13 people have been charged in the hazing death of a Florida A&M University drum major, the future is murky for a famed marching band that has



performed at the Grammys, presidential inaugurations and Super Bowls.

The band was suspended immediately after Robert Champion's death in November, and even the governor says it's far too soon for the Marching 100 to take the field again. Champion's mother,

Pam, took that even a step further: She said the band should be disbanded so the university can "clean house." She and the family's attorney contend there is a vast effort among students and others to cover up who is responsible for her son's death.

"If you don't clean the filth out it just stays there," she said Thursday. "You can't move forward as business as usual."

Eleven people — all band members — have been charged with felony hazing resulting in death, said Gretl Plessinger, a Florida Department of Law Enforcement spokeswoman. Eight of them had been arrested by Thursday. Two others face misdemeanor charges. (AP)

MENUS**Beefing Up Profits**

McDonald's is rolling out two menu items that will be available only during the summer months. A seasonal blueberry banana nut oatmeal will be available by midmonth, and the Cherry Berry Chiller is already available. Seasonal items give loyal customers something new to try, but also bring in new customers who otherwise might go elsewhere, said Wendy Cook, vice president of U.S. marketing at McDonald's. (AP)

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The percentage of teen girls who use the most effective kinds of contraception — up from the mid-90s, when less than half were using the best, according to a Thursday report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (AP)

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World

In Brief

RIO DE JANEIRO

City Officials Target Ads In Cleanup Campaign

About 50 workers on Thursday began tearing down billboards and ads draping buildings in front of Rio de Janeiro's iconic Guanabara Bay, launching a campaign to make one of the globe's most beautiful cities even more stunning. Mayor Eduardo Paes issued the orders ahead of the influx of tourists for the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics. (AP)

SANAA, YEMEN

Yemenis Demand Ouster Of Ex-Regime Figures

Tens of thousands of Yemenis took to the streets across the country Thursday to demand dismissal of members of the country's former regime from top military posts. Protesters urged President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to "purge the army of family members" of his predecessor, Ali Abdullah Saleh. (AP)

POTISKUM, NIGERIA

Gunmen Kill 34 at Market

Robbers angered by a crowd burning one of their colleagues alive attacked a cattle market in northeast Nigeria, killing at least 34 people in the latest violence across the bloodied region, witnesses and an official said Thursday. All but one of the gunmen escaped. (AP)



SAFETY

At the Ready

Britain's military showed off a weapon Thursday it hopes it never has to use: The Rapier surface-to-air missile system, which has the power to take down a Boeing 747 to protect a stadium full of 80,000 Olympic spectators in a terrorism nightmare scenario. The British military insists the missiles would be deployed only as a last line of defense. (AP)

Blind Activist Seeks Flight to U.S.

Dissident backs off from deal allowing him to stay in China

Beijing

The diplomatic disarray deepened Thursday after a blind activist reversed course and asked to leave China with his family, abandoning an arduously negotiated agreement even though he had left the protection of the U.S. Embassy and was in a Beijing hospital ringed by Chinese police.

Activist Chen Guangcheng, 40, spent most of the last seven years in prison or under house arrest in China. Bewildered and alone with his wife and children, Chen Guangcheng periodically switched on a cellphone to tell friends and foreign media he felt scared and wanted to go abroad, and that



Speaking Out

"All governments do have to answer to citizens' aspirations for dignity and the rule of law. ... No nation can or should deny those rights."



HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, SECRETARY OF STATE, ON THURSDAY SPEAKING BROADLY ABOUT AMERICA'S CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA, THOUGH SHE DID NOT MENTION ACTIVIST CHEN GUANGCHENG AND HIS PLIGHT OUTRIGHT.

"Given our different national conditions, it is impossible for both China and the United States to see eye-to-eye on every issue."

HU JINTAO, CHINA'S PRESIDENT, SAYING THURSDAY THAT CHINA AND THE U.S. "MUST KNOW HOW TO RESPECT EACH OTHER" EVEN IF THEY DISAGREE. HE ALSO DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION CHEN, WHOSE FATE REMAINS UNCERTAIN, IN HIS REMARKS.

he had not seen U.S. officials in over a day.

Chen also felt abandoned by the U.S., finding no embassy staff at the hospital to assure his protection.

"The embassy told me that they would have someone accompany me the whole time," he said in a telephone interview late Wednesday. "I felt they did not tell me the

truth on this issue."

Chen's high-profile effort to keep his case in the public eye served to increase pressure on Washington and embarrass Beijing as it hosted Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and other U.S. officials for annual talks on global political and economic hotspots.

Taken aback at his change of heart, U.S. diplomats spent much

of Thursday trying to confirm that the family wanted to leave, and they said they would try to help him. Still, it remained unclear whether Beijing would be willing to renegotiate a deal that both sides thought had been settled a day earlier.

On Thursday, Chen sent a message through a friend clarifying that he does not seek asylum from the U.S. but wants to travel or study in the U.S. temporarily.

The self-taught lawyer, 40, has been persecuted for years by local authorities for his advocacy against forced abortions and other official misdeeds.

His escape from house arrest to the fortresslike U.S. Embassy in Beijing last week inserted Washington in the center of a human-rights case, always a testy issue for Beijing.

Chen said throughout his six days at the embassy that his desire was to remain in China, and U.S. diplomats said that was their goal in talks with China. CHARLES HUTZLER AND MATTHEW LEE (AP)

Tensions Simmer After Clashes in Egypt



MOHAMMED ASAD/AP

COILS OF BARBED WIRE IN CAIRO separate protesters from Egyptian security forces Thursday, a day after deadly clashes brought fresh accusations that the military was trying to sow chaos so it could cling to power. Egypt's ruling generals repeated their pledge Thursday to transfer power to a civilian government after presidential elections within two months.

U.S.: Syria Truce Nears 'Defeat'

Washington

It may be time for the world to acknowledge that Syria's cease-fire is not holding, and that it is time to try a new approach, the White House said Thursday.

"If the regime's intransigence continues, the international community is going to have to admit defeat," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

It was the clearest signal yet that the Obama administration sees little chance for U.N. envoy Kofi Annan's peace plan, which has been largely ignored by President Bashar Assad's forces.

Meanwhile, Syrian forces stormed student dormitories at Aleppo University in a siege that killed at least four students. (AP)

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World



Polls in France show incumbent President Nicolas Sarkozy, left, is trailing Socialist Francois Hollande in the country's election.

Key French Vote at Hand

Hollande is poised to knock Sarkozy from presidency

Paris

Socialist candidate Francois Hollande on Thursday appeared to solidify his chances at winning France's presidency on Sunday after voters welcomed his strong showing in a debate against beleaguered incumbent Nicolas Sarkozy.

Hollande also won the support of prominent centrist Francois Bayrou, who came in fourth in the first round of presidential elections.

The conservative Sarkozy made his mark on the world arena but let down voters at home, and may well be out of a job within days. He has trailed Hollande in the polls and needed a knockout performance in Wednesday night's debate.

"Now the campaign is pretty much finished," Gael Sliman, a pollster at BVA agency, told the Associated Press.

"With the exception of a completely unforeseen catastrophe in the next 48 hours, Francois Hollande is going to win the presidential election in France."

What's at Stake?

French voters on Sunday choose their president, either incumbent Nicolas Sarkozy or challenger Francois Hollande, in a race that has wide implications:

- Eurozone's debt crisis: Sarkozy's solution: more cost-cutting to bring down debts. Hollande's solution: more stimulus to revive growth.
- Diplomacy: Sarkozy might be the most U.S.-friendly French leader in 50 years. Hollande wants French troops out of Afghanistan earlier.
- Taxes: Hollande wants the rich to pay 75 percent in income taxes. Sarkozy wants to reduce France's overall tax burden, but is promising higher sales tax. (AP)

Hollande and Sarkozy each held big rallies Thursday in south-

19.5M

The number of viewers in France, about a third of its population, who tuned in to the country's top two networks Wednesday for the last televised presidential debate. (AP)

ern France and echoed the stances declared in the debate.

The result of Sunday's runoff will set the course for the next five years for France.

Millions of French voters are determined to prevent Sarkozy from winning a second term, and polls predict Hollande could win by as much as a 12-percent margin.

Satirical puppet show "Les Guignols de l'info" has already made its election prediction: Its episode on Sunday showed first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, an Italian heiress and former supermodel, packing a suitcase for Switzerland, to avoid the 75-percent tax on very high incomes that Hollande has promised to impose. (AP)

80 The sentence, in years, that prosecutors on Thursday demanded be given to former Liberian president Charles Taylor, who was convicted of 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity last week. The 64-year-old Taylor will be sentenced next month at the Special Court for Sierra Leone for aiding and abetting murder and rape and for his part in arming Sierra Leone rebels in exchange for "blood diamonds" mined by slave laborers. (AP)

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Cover Story

'Forget You, Philly'

Nats take a stand against Phillies fans filling the seats in this weekend's series

The Nationals

Look closely into the expanse of red. The differences might be subtle.

The ball caps, thousands of them, will be red, with a single white letter emblazoned on the front. As it should be in Nationals Park. But check the letter. Is it the hometown "Curly W"? Is it something else? Is that letter a "P"?

Competing fan promotions will collide Friday night, when Stephen Strasburg takes the mound in his first start since being named the National League's pitcher of the month in April. Is it a Philly Invasion or will Washington fans Take Back the Park?

Throughout their seven-year existence, the Nationals have endured helplessly the thousands of Phillies fans who have traveled south on I-95, organized by local radio stations or Internet message boards. The invaders have, almost without fail, outnumbered hometown fans.

And the visiting fans haven't always been exemplary guests, said Andy Feffer, the Nationals' chief operating officer, when asked if there had been some troubling incidents. "When have there not been?" he said. "Let's just say Phillies fans are notorious for their behavior."

Feffer has been the most vocal member of the organization, rallying Nats fans to strike back at the indignity. "Forget you, Philly," has been his mantra.

Fed up with the embarrassment and emboldened by a near-.500 finish last year, the organization this off-season announced a counteroffensive. In February, the club made single-game tickets available for this weekend's series — but only to fans in the immediate D.C. area.

Feffer declined to break down the ticket sales, but he said the campaign spurred the team's most successful presale, with a strong response from the local market.



Feffer's Fury

The Nationals launched a "Take Back the Park" initiative designed to lock out Phillies fans. "Frankly, I'm tired of seeing the Phillies fans in our ballpark in Washington more than anything," Nats COO Andy Feffer said. "We sat down as a group and we said, 'You know what? It's time to take our park back in Washington and get our fans in this park.' ... This is our park, this is our town, these are our fans, and it's our time right now." (AP)



'Natitude Weekend'

D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray declared the upcoming weekend "Natitude Weekend," according to a tweet sent out by the club. Among other things, the proclamation says that this weekend, "all local residents show support of their hometown team," and that "Nationals players represent a 'Natitude' worthy of emulation," and that "every day the Nationals inspire our residents to 'Ignite Your Natitude.'" (TWP)

Attendance Struggles

22,675

The number of fans at the 41,000-seat Nationals Park on Tuesday for Bryce Harper's first game in Washington, which was a far cry from the sold-out bonanza of Stephen Strasburg's first game in June 2010.

► **First season still the best:** The Nats haven't seen a bigger turnout than in 2005, their debut year, when an average 33,728 fans were in attendance.

► **Strasburg loses appeal:** When Strasburg made his first home start of 2012, 16,245 came to see it — more than 5,000 fewer than had witnessed any of his previous home starts.

► **Attendance up, advance sales down:** The team's attendance appears down, Nats COO Andy Feffer said, but advance sales are up nearly 20 percent through the rest of the year, and the club expects attendance to rise. (TWP)

"We expect a large crowd of Washingtonians this weekend," he said.

The campaign angered Philly fans and even drew protest from Sen. Bob Casey, a Pennsylvania Democrat, who implored the Nationals to cease the promotion. Feffer politely declined.

The Nationals "should be happy anybody goes to their park," former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell told the Wall Street Journal, calling the Nationals' ticket ploy "preposterous."

Even if Phillies fans still come in droves, there will be one stark difference this weekend. The Nationals will be ahead of the Phillies in the National League East standings. And not only will they have Strasburg on the mound Friday, but phenom Bryce Harper should be in the outfield for all three games — just in time for what would be his ESPN debut on Sunday night.

After besting first-place Philadelphia in the season series last year, the Nats' front office felt the timing was right for this weekend's campaign. "We had a lot of fans, media and players talking about all the Phillies fans that have come out to Nationals Park over the last few years for our games," Feffer said. "We felt very strongly at the end of last year that we needed to do something about it." DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

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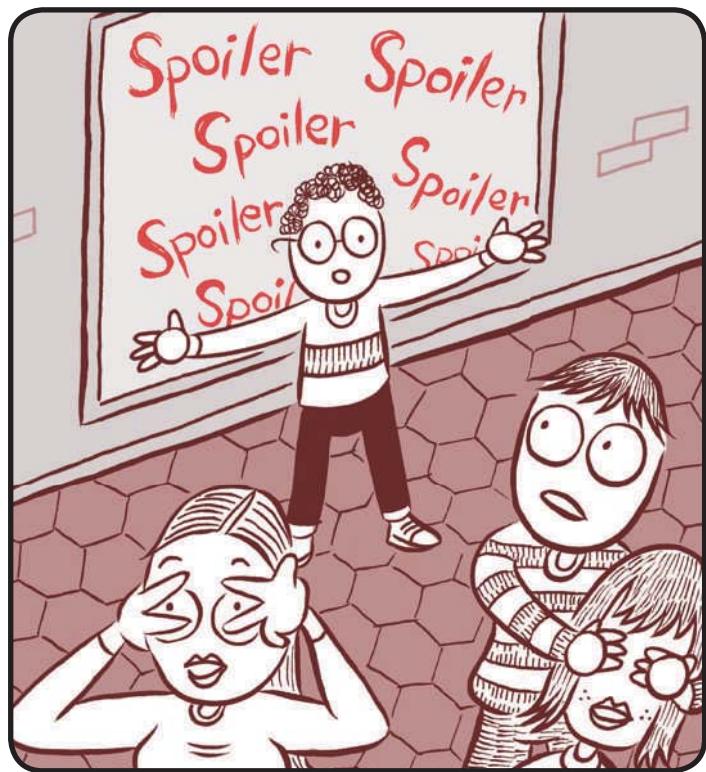
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Hidden Truths

The ad that's been turning Metro riders' heads recently is a billboard for the Kindle. To promote its e-reader, Amazon chose an image of the first few paragraphs of "Mockingjay," the final book in "The Hunger Games" trilogy, displayed on the device. What Amazon forgot is that folks who haven't gotten through the series yet can't easily avoid the huge type that reveals certain plot details — specifically, that [redacted] was [redacted], which made Katniss really [redacted].

But I don't care about spoiler alerts nearly as much as I do about MetroAlerts. The new service — which sends emails and texts to riders about disruptions, delays and detours, and lets them customize

the info by selecting their line, frequently used stations and routes — seems to be good at getting the word out. (Within 12 hours of signing up, I got five notifications.)

WMATA is getting the word

out about the service with a bunch of banners I recently spotted at Metro Center. They're slung low along the walls, which means more people were leaning against them than reading them. But when the butts moved out of the way, a few fascinating messages were revealed: "I took the bus to avoid those delays on the Red Line." "Delayed in rush hour or on-time happy hour?" "I adjusted my work schedule so that I could miss those train delays."

My eyes grew way wider than when I found out what happens in "The Hunger Games." Never before have I seen Metro advertising that's so brutally honest about what getting around by train and bus actually requires. You need to make backup plans, set realistic expectations and allow extra time in case things don't go exactly right. You need to do those things when you drive, too, but while people generally regard Beltway backups as a fact of life, a train offloading is viewed as one more reason to give up on transit altogether.

I tend to cut Metro more slack than most people, and I think that's because I've made an effort to stay informed and flexible. Sure, sometimes riding is a pain, but the more I know, the better my experience. Metro's use of its alert system to promote this mindset seems like a smart way to cut down on the constant kvetching directed at WMATA over the past few years.

Metro will never be perfect. But these ads might be — if people would just butt out of the way.

Woman Hit by Train at U Street Station

Transportation

A woman was struck by a Metro train at the U Street station on the Green/Yellow line around 2:10 p.m. Thursday, a transit agency official said.

Metro spokesman Dan Stessel said the woman appears to have

intentionally placed herself in front of the train. Stessel had no reports on her condition.

In the past few years, Metro officials reported a surge in the number of suicides. In 2008, there were five; 10 in 2009; and last year, there were seven. The woman who was struck Thursday makes the sixth



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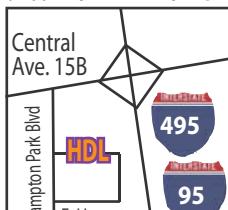
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In Brief



Ex-Councilmember Harry Thomas Jr. after his sentencing in D.C. Thursday.

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Ex-Councilmember Gets 39 Months for Corruption

Former D.C. Councilmember Harry Thomas Jr. was sentenced Thursday in federal court in Washington to three years and two months in prison for stealing more than \$350,000 in government funds. Thomas pleaded guilty in January to embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars earmarked for youth sports and arts programs. Thomas had been a long-time advocate for youth sports. (AP)

GREENBELT, MD.

Ex-Archives Official Gets 18 Months for Stealing

A longtime Archives official who admitted to stealing nearly 1,000 recordings, many of them rare, was sentenced to 18 months in prison Thursday. Leslie Waffen, 67, was also sentenced to two years of supervised probation and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine Thursday in Greenbelt's federal court. (TWP)

GREENBELT, MD.

Pr. George's Exec Briber Gets 18 Months in Prison

Mirza H. Baig, the Laurel physician and developer who paid tens of thousands of dollars in bribes to then-Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson, a Democrat, was sentenced Thursday to 18 months in prison. Baig's role late in 2010 when he was captured on an FBI video tape handing Johnson \$15,000 in cash proved to be a key moment in the federal probe of corruption in Prince George's that led to the arrests of Johnson and his wife, Leslie Johnson. (TWP)

Poll: Obama Leads Romney in Va.

Voters are split about president's big issues, pessimistic on future

Washington

President Obama leads former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney in Virginia but commonwealth voters are evenly divided on the White House's major policies, a new Washington Post poll shows.

Obama is ahead of Romney, the presumed Republican nominee, 51 percent to 44 percent among registered voters. And Romney does no better against Obama than he did a year ago, despite his emergence



Meanwhile...

Obama made early investments in Virginia and now has 13 offices open and dozens of paid staff. Virginia Republicans have seven field offices that will be used to boost Romney as well as other party candidates, and the Romney campaign announced Thursday that Sara Craig, his state director during the Iowa caucus, would run Romney's Virginia operations. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

as the GOP standard-bearer.

Obama was the first Democrat to capture Virginia in four decades, and this week's schedule indicates his desire to repeat that performance. Obama will be in Arlington Friday to hold a round-

table and deliver remarks on student-loan debt. He will return to the commonwealth a day later in the guise of a candidate, holding a rally in Richmond meant to mark the official start of his re-election campaign.

The new poll shows Virginia voters are equally split on Obama's major initiatives, including his signature health care reform law, and remain deeply pessimistic about the way things are going in the country.

Romney has not been able to improve his statewide support from a poll a year ago even as his Republican opponents have fallen by the wayside. Yet he leads Obama by a huge margin among Republicans, just as Obama enjoys a massive lead among Democrats.

The poll was conducted by telephone April 28 to May 2, among a random sample of 1,101 Virginia adults. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Celebration de Cinco



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TRADITIONAL DANCERS FROM BALLET FOLKLORICO MEXICANA DE GEORGETOWN perform at a reception in honor of Cinco de Mayo hosted by President Obama in the Rose Garden of the White House Thursday. The Georgetown University student group strives to continue the tradition and celebration of Mexican culture and folkloric traditions.

The Lotteries

Thursday, May 3

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	4-5-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-3-1
Mid-day Pick 4	0-6-9-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-8-0-6
Match 5 (Wed.)	11-17-29-36-37 (9)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	8-14-16-24-25-31

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	8-7-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	0-0-5
Mid-day DC 4	9-3-7-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	3-7-6-9
Mid-day D.C. Five	0-9-1-7-4
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	9-4-7-2-0
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	6-26-28-36-37 (13)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	4-2-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-6-4
Mid-day Pick 4	9-1-1-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-1-2-7
Mid-day Cash 5	9-18-19-24-29
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-3-6-11-17
Win For Life (Wed.)	1-3-5-12-29-36 (7)

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The Nats and Swengali have caught Harper fever in less than a week | **18**



TV Lineup



Paul Pierce and the Celtics are tied at one game apiece with the Atlanta Hawks.

Friday

7 P.M. Stephen Strasburg pitches for the Nats vs. the Phillies. MASN

7 P.M. The Orioles start a road series against the Red Sox. MASN

7:30 P.M., 8 P.M., 10:30 P.M. Game 3 in three NBA playoff series: Celtics-Hawks, Bulls-76ers and Lakers-Nuggets. ESPN and ESPN2

Saturday

12:30 P.M. The Caps try to bounce back from their triple-overtime loss to the Rangers. NBC

1 P.M. The Nationals and Phillies play a matinee. MASN

2 P.M.-10 P.M. NBA playoff action features Game 4 of the Magic-Pacers series, Game 3 of the Clippers-Grizzlies set, Game 4 of the Mavericks-Thunders matchup and Game 3 of the Jazz-Spurs series. ESPN, TNT

4 P.M. D.C. United plays Toronto. CSN+

4 P.M. The Kentucky Derby kicks off the Triple Crown series. NBC

Sunday

NOON The Sprint Cup rolls into Talladega, Ala., for the Aaron's 499. Fox

1 P.M. Game 4 of the Bulls-76ers series, followed by the Knicks-Heat. Night games include the Hawks-Celtics and Lakers-Nuggets. ABC, TNT

1:30 P.M. The O's-Red Sox series wraps up. MASN

8 P.M. The Nats and Phillies are on "Sunday Night Baseball." ESPN

Minutes To Remember

For the Rangers, Game 3 marked the fifth-longest game in franchise history, with those ahead all coming in the 1930s. It was New York's longest game since March 21, 1939, when they lost, 2-1, to Boston after 119:25 minutes of play. It was also the first time the Rangers had been to triple OT since 1971.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



PATRICK McDERMOTT/GETTY IMAGES

The New York Rangers celebrate after beating the Capitals in triple overtime on Wednesday. The teams play Game 4 of the series on Saturday.

In for the Long Haul

Caps hope their depth helps them rebound from triple-OT defeat

The Capitals

The blood stains and cuts on the faces of various Capitals and New York Rangers said everything you needed to know about Wednesday night's three-overtime epic.

In what became the Capitals' third-longest game in franchise history with a running time of 114 minutes, 41 seconds, the Rangers survived Washington's assaults and took a two games to one series lead with a goal from Marian Gaborik to win the contest, 2-1.

While the Rangers won the longest playoff game of this postseason thus far, at what price did the victory come?

"You invest a lot every night, no matter what. If it's a 60-minute game or extended into overtime," Matt Hendricks said. "When you extend into overtime you are investing more and

more and you are putting everything you've got into it."

While both teams' players and coaches cited that they each had to endure the rigors of the same game, the Capitals



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may have a slight advantage coming into Saturday afternoon's Game 4.

In a must-win game at home to prevent the series to sliding to 3-1 in New York's favor, the Capitals — in a way — could be more rested than their opponents.

As the overtime periods dragged on, Caps coach Dale Hunter made use of his entire lineup — particularly all six defensemen on his roster — while Rangers coach John Tortorella drastically shortened his bench.

For the Capitals, 13 players had more than 30 minutes of ice time and defenseman Dennis Wideman skated a team-high 40:42. But only nine Rangers skat-

ed more than 30 minutes.

New York defenseman Ryan McDonagh recorded a mammoth 53:17 of ice time, illustrating Tortorella's immense shortening of the bench.

Whether or not this will provide an advantage for the Capitals remains to be seen, and Tortorella reasons that the playoffs are as much a mental game as they are a physical one.

"When you get into that many hours of playing it becomes a mental game," he said. "I felt as the game got longer and longer, I felt that our team was at an advantage. I think we have a mentally tough group."

An extra day of rest before Saturday's game should help alleviate any fatigue issues the Rangers might face, but Hunter isn't sold that New York's massive ice time discrepancy between the top players and midtier players will make much of an impact.

"Both teams went through [the overtime game]. So we're in the same boat," Hunter said. "It's just another game then. You [have to] go to the next game."

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Epic Battles

Wednesday's game was the third-longest playoff contest in Caps' franchise history. Here are the four longest:

April 24, 40T 1996:

Game 4, Eastern Conference quarterfinals against Pittsburgh. Petr Nedved scored the game winner with just 44.6 seconds remaining in the fourth overtime for a 3-2 Penguins win.

April 18, 40T 1987:

Game 7, Patrick Division semifinals against the New York Islanders. Pat LaFontaine scored the series winner 8:47 into the fourth overtime for a 3-2 Islanders win.

May 2, 30T 2012:

Game 3, Eastern Conference semifinals against the New York Rangers. Marian Gaborik's shot from out in front came at 14:41 in the third overtime to give New York a 2-1 win.

April 20, 30T 2003:

Game 6, Eastern Conference quarterfinals against Tampa Bay. Martin St. Louis scored 4:03 into the third overtime to give the Lightning a 2-1 win. (TWP)

Seau's Death Confirmed as a Suicide

Family must decide whether to donate his brain for research

Pro Football

Junior Seau's death has been ruled a suicide by the San Diego County medical examiner's office.

An autopsy Thursday confirmed that the former NFL linebacker died of a gunshot wound to the chest, the medical examiner's office said.

Officials said they were awaiting a decision by the family on whether to turn over Seau's brain to unidentified outside researchers for study. Seau died Wednesday in his home in suburban Oceanside, Calif.

Police Chief Frank McCoy said Seau's girlfriend reported finding him unconscious with a gunshot wound to the chest and lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful.

A gun was found near him, McCoy said. Police said no suicide note was found and they didn't immediately know who the gun was registered to.



GETTY IMAGES

Disturbing Trend

Junior Seau's death follows the suicide last year of former Chicago Bears player Dave Duerson, who also shot himself in the chest. Duerson's family has filed a wrongful death suit against the NFL, claiming the league didn't do enough to prevent or treat concussions that severely damaged Duerson's brain before he died in February 2011. Junior Seau is not known to have had a concussion but Boston University has asked to study his brain for damage. (AP)

100+

More than 100 former NFL players have filed a federal lawsuit in Atlanta claiming that pro football didn't properly protect its players from concussions. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit include former Atlanta Falcon Jamal Anderson, ex-Georgia star Lindsey Scott and veteran quarterback Don Majkowski. The lawsuit, filed Thursday in federal court in Georgia, claims the league failed to protect NFL players from brain injuries linked to football-related concussions. (AP)

Seau's ex-wife, Gina, told the Associated Press on Wednesday that Seau sustained concussions during his 20-year career. She said she didn't know if the effects of concussions contributed to Seau's death.

Seau starred with his hometown San Diego Chargers for 13 years before playing with the Miami Dolphins and New England Patriots.

Seau's death in Oceanside, in northern San Diego County, stunned the region he represented with

almost reckless abandon. The same intensity that got the star linebacker ejected for fighting in his first exhibition game helped carry the Chargers to their only Super Bowl, following the 1994 season. A ferocious tackler, he'd leap up, pump a fist and kick out a leg after dropping a ball carrier or quarterback.

"It's a sad thing. It's hard to understand," said Bobby Beathard, who as Chargers general manager took Seau out of Southern California with the fifth pick overall in the 1990 draft. "He was really just a great guy. If you drew up a player you'd love to have the opportunity to draft and have on the team and as a teammate, Junior and Rodney [Harrison], they'd be the kind of guys you'd like to have."

Quarterback Stan Humphries recalled that Seau did everything at the same speed, whether it was practicing, lifting weights or harassing John Elway.

"The intensity, the smile, the infectious attitude, it carried over to all the other guys," said Humphries, who was shocked that Seau is now the eighth player from the '94 Super Bowl team to die. (AP)

Trainer Hopes to Run Union Rags to Riches

Horse Racing

The life-sized statue sits at the front gate of Churchill Downs, a magnificent bronzed Barbaro in full stride, all four hooves off the ground and heading toward his greatest victory.

Muscular and athletic, its presence provokes quiet reflection of the 2006 Kentucky Derby winner at the peak of his power and of his death, eight months later, following a horrific injury. Some leave red roses, others snap photos.

Trainer Michael Matz is hoping another 3-year-old colt, Union Rags, can fill the hole in his barn and in his soul.

He sees the same promising

signs from Union Rags, who is using the same stall as Barbaro and is the early second choice for Saturday's 138th Kentucky Derby.

"They're both big, good-looking, fast and athletic. Union Rags still has to live up to what Barbaro did," Matz said.

He has never been one to let tragedy or setbacks slow him down. In 1989, he and his future wife, D.D. Alexander, were passengers on a United Airlines flight that crashed in Sioux City, Iowa, killing 111 people on board. The couple survived, and Matz heroically plucked four children — three siblings and an 11-month-old baby — from the wreckage.

The older kids reunited with



ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Union Rags is an early 9-2 favorite to win the Kentucky Derby on Saturday.

Matz and his wife at the 2006 Derby to watch Barbaro become the sixth undefeated horse to win. The good feelings were dashed two

weeks later with Barbaro's stunning breakdown that had fans crying in the stands at the Preakness.

Now Matz has moved on again, training Union Rags — an early 9-2 second choice for Saturday's race — for Phyllis Wyeth, the 71-year-old former steeplechase rider and aide to President John F. Kennedy. She is married to Jamie Wyeth, the famed painter and son of artist Andrew Wyeth.

"I guess when he moved on from the Jacksons and Barbaro, all of a sudden Union Rags won his first start," Jamie Wyeth said. "It's kind of interesting how that seems to be in the air. He just moves right on to another thing. He's such a wonderful person." BETH HARRIS (AP)



INJURIES

Big Loss

Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs may have surgery as soon as next week for a partially torn Achilles tendon, which he says will not keep him out for the entire 2012 season. Suggs has played nine seasons for Baltimore and has missed only three games, and the injury is a major blow to a stout Ravens defense. (AP)

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Swengali

The Future Is Now For the Nationals

I've seen the future of the Nationals and his name is Bryce Harper.

Sure, teammate Stephen Strasburg might already be the best pitcher in baseball. But Harper plays every day. And by plays, I mean he does something notable.

 His arm is so good that two umpires have been caught noticeably off-guard on plays at home plate since his major league debut last Saturday. Harper has made spectacular plays with his glove and bare hand in the outfield. And if Harper's batting practice performances aren't enough for you, just look at his at-bats when it counts.

I can't remember a player running hard down the line on a routine

Strasburg will keep piling up the wins, but this is going to be Harper's town.

grounder being more excited than Harper hustling even the most mundane plays out.

Clearly, the phenom is just that. He was born to be a big-leaguer, and clearly he relishes it.

His out-of-this-ballpark personality meshes perfectly with Strasburg's shy nature. Strasburg will keep piling up the wins, but this is going to be Harper's town — at least during new Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III's offseason.

It's no surprise Harper has the skills to be a star. That's been a given since he was 16 years old.

What's shocking is that Harper doesn't seem fazed by his sudden ascension to the majors. Rather than being overcome by the spotlight, he's thriving. Forget the minors. Harper is here to stay.

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Bryce Harper has been a hit with the media and with his teammates since being called up to the major leagues last Saturday.

Harper Is 'Infectious'

Teen quickly earns promotion in lineup with energetic style

The Nationals

Well, that was quick: Teenager Bryce Harper already is hitting third for the Nationals.

Washington manager Davey Johnson moved Harper into the No. 3 spot in the batting order for Washington's game Thurs-

day night against the Arizona Diamondbacks and pitcher Ian Kennedy.

It's only the fifth major league game for the 19-year-old Harper, an outfielder who's been hitting seventh since being called up from Triple-A Syracuse on Saturday. He took the roster spot vacated by usual No. 3 hitter Ryan Zimmerman, who went on the DL.

Harper was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2010 amateur draft after finishing high school

early, then spending one season as a catcher at a junior college. He entered Thursday with a .385 average, three doubles and two RBI.

Enough, it seems, can't be said about the energy Harper has injected into this team and, particularly, its lineup.

"Here's a 19-year-old kid that's getting the bat out," Johnson said. "It's infectious. It hurts you a little bit missing your three- and four-hole hitters, because when they

start doing it, it kind of flows. But seeing a 19-year-old hitting seventh come along and have nothing but quality at-bats, that's impressive."

It's one thing to be the best player at almost every level, as Harper has been his entire life. But it's another to be a major leaguer at such a young age, hoping not to irk established teammates with too much pizzazz. But, in a sense, there's no better way to endear yourself with teammates than by producing on the field.

"It's not necessarily needing to see him do it in the big leagues," reliever Craig Stammen said after Wednesday's 5-4 win over the Diamondbacks. "It's just we haven't been able to watch him play a full game. That's when you tell what a player's made of. And I think he showed in the situations he was put in tonight, the stage isn't too big for him."

Although it's a small sample size, Harper has proven it was the right time to call him up.

"He has great confidence in his abilities and is not afraid to show it on the big stage," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said Tuesday. "His makeup is, the brighter the lights, the better he plays."

(AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

One Extreme to Another for D.C.

Major League Soccer

D.C. United's week has been marked by extremes. After reaching the high of topping 2011 MLS Cup finalist Houston last weekend, United fell to the Western Conference-leading San Jose Earthquakes 5-3 Wednesday night. Now it's off to the other end of the spectrum, as D.C. travels north of the border to face winless Toronto FC in a Saturday matinee (4 p.m., CSN+).

United's depleted depth came into play in its wild loss to the Earthquakes, and with little time to dwell on the result, D.C. will likely be shorthanded in Toronto. With Emiliano Dudar (hamstring), Dejan Jakovic (ankle) and Ethan White

Ugly Numbers

 Toronto FC, D.C. United's next opponent, has matched the worst start in MLS history. Here's a look at the futility by the numbers:

- **0-7-0** The club's record, tied for the worst start in MLS history with the 1999 Kansas City Wizards
- **16** Goals allowed, the most in MLS
- **0** Amount of games in which all three of the club's Designated Players (Torsten Frings, Danny Koevermans, Julian de Guzman) have played together this season
- **3** Goals scored by Dwayne De Rosario in his one game last year vs. Toronto, one of his former teams. A.C.

(knee) unavailable, Perry Kitchen slotted back from midfield to play center back on Wednesday. At one point, winger Andy Najar entered as a makeshift right back, giving Robbie Russell a crack at center back while Kitchen moved up to his usual position. While the moves had didn't hurt the offense, the hap-hazard defending made things way too easy for San Jose to score. United coach Ben Olsen is wary of letting that happen again.

"We have to survive. There are a lot of teams with players in key positions out. We just have to make it work," Olsen said after the loss in San Jose, which snapped D.C.'s seven-game unbeaten streak.

AVI CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)



RELICS

Really Costly Error

The baseball that turned Bill Buckner into one of the most famous goats in sports history is up for sale. The ball that rolled through the former Red Sox star's legs in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series between the Sox and the Mets is expected to bring in more than \$100,000 at an auction on Friday in Dallas. (AP)

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When Anna Smith, 29, had trouble finding the perfect apartment in D.C., she negotiated with her landlord to find a place she loved that was in her price range.

Don't Be Afraid to Negotiate

Persuading a landlord to sweeten a rental deal isn't as hard as you think

Apartment-Hunting

When Anna Smith, 29, moved from Los Angeles to D.C., she and her boyfriend had a typical Washington-area real estate experience: First, they looked at a dingy basement apartment without a kitchen, then they saw a bedbug-infested place downtown. And then, there was a sunny studio in Columbia Heights.

"Hardwood floors, a closet that could be a reading nook, it had everything," Smith says. "I loved it right away."

The problem? Smith and her boyfriend's salaries did not meet the minimum income requirement for the place. Instead of giving up, Smith asked the rental office if anything could be done.

"They found me a cheaper studio with the same things I loved about the old place," says Smith, who moved there in April. It was, however, on the ground floor, which meant the rent was lower.

Negotiating with landlords was a trick Smith had learned at the sublet she'd been staying in — she was living in a one-bedroom but paying for a studio, thanks to a deal she worked out with the landlord.

Anyone who has tried to rent in or around Washington, D.C. knows that lessees usually don't have the upper hand. In 2011, only 15 percent of building managers said they were willing to lower rent for a tenant, down from 69 percent

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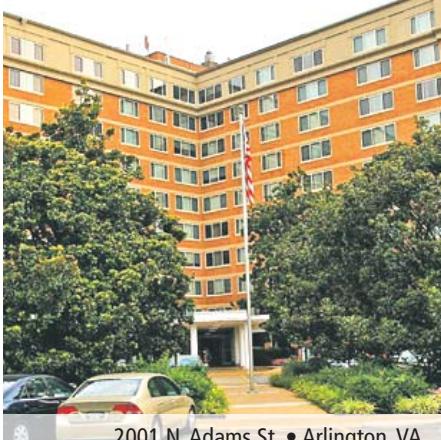
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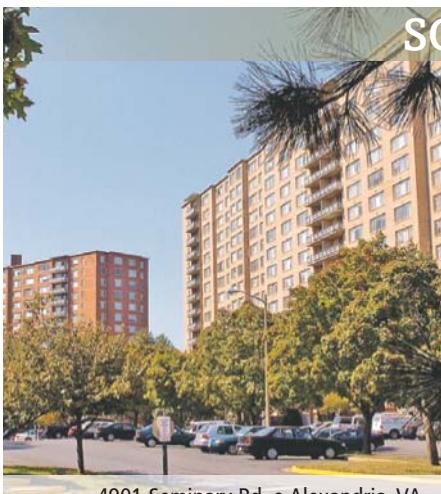
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Rent Negotiations

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in 2009, according to Rent.com. But agile negotiators can still get themselves some perks — the key is communication.

"It never hurts to ask," said Chris Swanson, a co-owner of Evolve Property Management, which rents properties across the city. Swanson said he's worked with new tenants to paint a wall the color they want for free before move-in. Other times, he's found potential tenants a place in the

15%

The number of building managers in Washington, D.C., who said they were willing to lower monthly rent for a tenant in 2011, according to Rent.com, down from 69 percent in 2009.

same building with such perks as wood floors or more light but charged them the same price as a less-desirable unit.

Prospective tenants often have more luck getting fees waived than out-and-out asking for a rent reduction, says Amy Rose Dobson, an editor at the real estate website CurbedDC.

Ask if parking rates can be lowered, or activities fees can be cut. If you're strapped for cash during a move, some landlords allow renters to pay their security deposit once they get their money back from an old apartment, Dobson said.

Not all negotiations are equally fruitful. "Real estate is hyper-local," Christina Aragon, director of strategy and consumer insights, advises renters to compare similar apartments in the same area.



Prospective tenants may have better luck negotiating for waived fees, lowered parking rates or a flexible move-in date than getting a reduction in their monthly rent.

"Real estate is hyper-local. You really need to understand the market dynamics in the particular neighborhoods."

— CHRISTINA ARAGON, RENT.COM'S DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND CONSUMER INSIGHTS, ADVISES RENTERS TO COMPARE SIMILAR APARTMENTS IN THE SAME AREA.

said by email. "You really need to understand the market dynamics in the particular neighborhoods where you are interested in living to negotiate successfully."

Aragon recommends gathering information about what similar apartments in a neighborhood are

renting for, and noting whether the apartment you want has fewer amenities than a similarly priced unit in the same building.

She also advises tenants to stay flexible. Landlords are often trying to offload a particular type of property — they could be having

trouble renting out one bedrooms or apartments without many windows. If you take that off their hands, building managers may be more willing to lower their price.

Another option is offering to sign a longer lease if you're confident you want to stay in the place more than a year. It offers the landlord more security, so he or she may be willing to concede on other things.

Christopher Parnes, a lawyer at Wilmer Hale and former intern at the Landlord and Tenant Resource

Center at Georgetown University's Law Center (Dcbar.org), has helped solve dozens of landlord issues. He says the best time to negotiate is when you're re-signing a lease.

At that point, the landlord has a relationship with his or her tenant, and finding a new tenant would take time and effort. If you want lower rent, free parking or a better deal on utilities, this is the time to negotiate it.

As Parnes puts it, that's when "a tenant has all the bargaining power."

AMANDA ERICKSON (FOR EXPRESS)

PRICE POINT

COMPARING RENTAL PRICES IN AND AROUND THE DISTRICT

\$1,000 to \$1,500



Columbia Heights

Studio: Woodner Apartments, 3636 16th St. NW, Apt. A327

\$1,075

This 450-sq. ft. studio is probably one of the cheapest in Northwest. A gigantic window lets in plenty of light, along with views of Rock Creek Park; two closets provide ample storage space. But there are quirks — visitors enter through a cramped kitchen and walk through a closet to reach the bathroom. Residents have access to a pool and fitness center. The building itself, a former hotel, is sprawling, but the lobby could use an update. All utilities are included in the rent. (LISTED BY THE WOODNER COMPANY)



Capitol Heights, Md.

2 BR: Glen Willow Apartments, 1107 Glen Willow Drive #8, Seat Pleasant, Md.

\$1,115

The good news: At 774 sq. ft., this sunny two-bedroom is spacious, with carpeted floors, a balcony and a functional if slightly worn kitchen. The balcony looks onto a lovely little knoll. There is also a pool, playground and in-building laundry. The bad news? It may be hard to convince your friends to visit. Glen Willow Apartments are nestled in a quiet Capitol Heights neighborhood, a long walk or a ride from public transportation, eating options and even the complex's entrance. (LISTED BY DREYFUSS MANAGEMENT)

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MD	Carriage Hill Apartments 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Heights, MD 20746	Mid-Rise + Garden style apartment community. All credit considered. all utilities include and immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's \$985-\$1465 888-341-7613 carriageapts.net	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom	Laundry on Site	Metro Accessible	Parking Available	Pets Allowed	Fitness Ctr on Site	Secure Entry	UTILS Included	W & D in Unit
MD		University City 2213 University Blvd E Hyattsville, MD 20747	Convenient to Downton DC, the Capital Beltway (95/495), Univ. of MD, and 2 Metro Stations! Newly renovated with generous living rooms, hardwood floors and ample closets. Walk to grocery stores, shopping & restaurants. On the UMD shuttle bus route (approx. 1.5 miles). Cats allowed, and utilities included for a small fee. Free, off-street parking. Se Habla Espanol. (prices based on availability)		X	X	X						X X		
MD		Toledo Plaza 3215 Toledo Place Hyattsville, MD 20782	Toledo Plaza Apartments offers -Location: Close to major transportation routes -Convenience: Walk to Prince George's Metro Station and Prince George's Plaza shopping -Value: Our apartments are affordably priced and utilities are included! A great value close to major transportation corridors in Hyattsville.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1304 240-696-4600 toledoplazaapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD		Belcrest Plaza 3400 Toledo Terrace Hyattsville, MD 20782	Belcrest Plaza combines a beautiful wooded setting with the convenience of Metrorail & the Mall at Prince Georges directly across the street. Located just minutes from downtown DC & the Univ. of Md. with bus service for both! Convenient to the Beltway and B/W Parkway	Studio, 1,2,3 BRs some w/Den Starting at \$827 301-637-7539 Gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		Overlook Apartments 1507 Ray Road Hyattsville, MD 20782	ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED! Overlook Apartments offer stylish apartment living w/Metro, DC and 495 right at your fingertips. Variety of spacious floorplans. Sparkling pool. Pets welcome. Income restrictions apply. See Sales Agent for Details.	1, 2 BRs from the \$1080's 888-414-5572 TheOverlookApts.com	X	X		X	X	X	X				
MD		Summer Ridge 1829 Belle Haven Drive Hyattsville, MD 20785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 MONTH FREE! • Free Business Center • Free After School Program • Electronic Bldg. Entry System • Maximum Income Requirements • Credit & Criminal Screening Required 	1, 2, 3 BRs 866-507-2283 summerridgeapartments.net	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
MD		Kings Square Apartments 3402 Dodge Park Road Landover, MD 20785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE UTILITIES • Laundry facilities • Cable ready • Day care on premises • Superb elementary school in walking distance • Walk to Metro • Just minutes to Wegmans FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$860 877-219-5017	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
MD		Kent Village 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro busstop on the community. Newly renovated 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2 BRs, 2BR TH's starting at \$925 866-799-4621 kentvillage.com	X		X	X	X	X			X		
MD		Maple Ridge 2252 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remodeled apartments w/ brand new kitchens • Spacious balconies or patios • Individually controlled A/C & heat • Licensed Daycare on Premises • Free Fitness Center on Property All in an excellent location, right by the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$875 877-219-5026	X	X	X	X				X X			
MD		Crestleigh Apartments 9556 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Our spacious, stylish apartment homes come appointed with many closets, washers and dryers and a variety of floor plans. We offer exceptional customer service! Our sparkling pool and clubhouse are just a few of the amenities that make Crestleigh an ideal community. Minutes from the BW Parkway and downtown Laurel.	1BR, 2BR Starting from the \$1,000s (877) 804-6217 CrestleighApts.com	X	X	X			X	X		X X		

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MD	MD	Montpelier Crossing 9689 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Just minutes from downtown Laurel. Spacious garden-style apartments and town homes. -generously sized living rooms -separate dining rooms -bedrooms with large closets and bathrooms -kitchens come with white cabinets and white appliances, frost-free refrigerators, and gas cooking.	1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at \$960 240-547-2113 montpeliercrossing.com	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom	Laundry on Site	Metro Accessible	Parking Available	Pets Allowed	Fitness Ctr on Site	Secure Entry	UTILS Included	W & D in Unit
MD	MD	Queenstown Apartments 3301 Chillum Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	Welcome to a small taste of good living! Newly renovated apartment homes (limited supply). Come have peace of mind at Queenstown Apartments! Offering 1 & 2 BR apartments including free gas, on-site security, fitness/business center, after school program, and 5% gov't and senior citizen discount. Ask about our student discount!	1, 2 BRs 888-759-9112 queenstownnpts.com	X X	X X	X X	X X	X X		X X	X X				
MD	MD	Colonial Village 908 Marcy Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	• FREE UTILITIES • Minutes from Metro, the Beltway, D.C. and Virginia. A lovely garden community one minute from the renovated Eastover shopping center. • Walk to elementary school and 5 minutes to Metro. • Minutes to the National Harbor • Large balconies/patios	1,2,3 BRs Starting at \$830 877-219-5035	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X				X			
MD	MD	Oxon Hill Village 2260 Alice Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Nestled between the District of Columbia and historic Virginia, Oxon Hill Village offers a variety of floor-plans, free services and amenities including a fitness center, indoor gymnasium, business center and all utilities included.	1BR- 3BR's Starting at \$1050 888-512-6025	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X		X	X				
MD	MD	Southview 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Open the door to the good life at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the good life is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!	Studio, 1, 2, 3BR's Starting at \$753 888-414-6645 southviewapts.com	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X				X			
MD	MD	Portabello Apartments 6441 Livingston Road Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Spacious apartments and townhomes with unique living spaces, large floorplans, balconies and patios. Walk-in closets and FREE intrusion alarms. Conveniently located near the National Harbor. Portabello--where quality and comfort meet!	1,2,3BRs some w/Dens, 3BR THs Starting at \$934 301-850-1767 portabelloapartments.com	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X				X			X
MD	MD	Parkview Gardens 6400 Riverdale Road Riverdale, MD 20737	■ Gated community with updated apartments ■ Granite countertops, new appliances and cabinets. ■ Indoor and outdoor pools! ■ An unbeatable location close to shopping, public transportation, BW Parkway and 495. ■ FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP ■ FREE GAS COOKING & HEAT	1,2,3 BRs start at \$915 877-219-5030	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X		X X	X X				
MD	MD	Halpine View 13013 Crookston Lane Rockville, MD 20851	Welcome to Halpine View Apartments, a naturally beautiful community in the heart of Rockville. Conveniently located, Twinbrook Metro is just three blocks from your door. And while the setting feels far away you're really no more than a bike ride from White Flint Mall or Congressional Plaza. The perfect Rockville address. A picture-perfect community.	Studio,1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at \$1051 301-850-1768 gradymgt.com	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X				X			
MD	MD	Gables/Upper Rock 5 Choke Cherry Rd. Suite 180 Rockville, MD 20850	Rockville's Newest Community! Move-in by June 30th and Receive 1 Month Free Rent!* •Free shuttle to Shady Grove Metro. Runs every 20 minutes! •Featuring hardwood floors, sleek kitchens, stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops, & more! •Amazing amenities include outdoor fire pit w/cinema screen, fitness center w/yoga studio, saline pool!	Studio - 2BR's Starting at \$1560 877-757-8566 gables.com/upperrock	X X X						X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X
MD		Metro 710 710 Roeder Road Silver Spring, MD 20910	All Utilities Included! Stunning, newly renovated luxury apartments in the heart of downtown Silver Spring. Just blocks to Metro and all the shopping and dining of this vibrant locale. Granite Counter tops, stainless steel appliances, and Washer/Dryers in each apartment! No app fee/ \$100 gift card at move-in* - see sales agent for details.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs starting fr. the \$1,300s 888-436-1755 Metro710Apts.com	X X X						X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	X X X	

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MD		Glenmont Forest 2386 Glenmont Circle Silver Spring, MD 20902	<p>At Glenmont Forest Apts, a world of conveniences await you. Shopping at Glenmont Center and Wheaton Plaza Mall just a short distance away, as is Wheaton Regional Park & Glenmont Metrorail Station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool • Wheelchair access • Hi-speed internet available 	<p>Studio, 1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at \$1019 301-637-5785 Gradymgt.com</p>	Studio	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	
MD		Winexburg Manor 2301 Glenallen Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20906	<p>Discover an extraordinary residential community where garden & mid-rise apt homes are grand in scale & exceptional in design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 acres of greenery & recreational activities • state-of-the art Fitness Center • free aerobic classes • swimming pool and sundeck 	<p>Studio, 1, 2 BRs, some w/Dens Starting at \$1064 301-850-1767 gradymgt.com</p>	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD		Waterford Towers 14000 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	<p>Utilities Included! Experience Hi-rise living at its Best! Newly renovated apartment homes are not only stylish and comfortable...they are also enormous & offer stunning views. Call or stop by today and see for yourself!</p>	<p>1,2,3 BRs From low \$1300's 888-544-7357 WaterfordTowerApts.com</p>	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		
MD		Windsor Court and Tower 13802 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD. 20904	<p>We fit your lifestyle! Choose from our garden or mid-rise apartment homes. Spacious floorplans. Individually controlled heat & A/C. On-site daycare, play areas, swimming and wading pools. Business Center. Cats and small dogs allowed!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALL ABOUT OUR SPECIAL! 	<p>1 & 2 BRs Starting at \$999 888-255-6159</p>		X	X		X	X	X		X			
MD		Nob Hill 9120 Piney Branch Rd Silver Spring, MD 20903	<p>Beautiful garden community featuring studios, one bedroom, 1 bedroom + den, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom apartments homes. Updated appliances + new energy efficient windows. Close to shopping & downtown Silver Spring.</p>	<p>Studios - 3BR's Starting at \$875 877-392-4203 nobhillapts.com</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		The Chateau 9727 Mt. Pisgah Rd. Silver Spring, MD 20506	<p>All utilities included, newly renovated roomate style 2 bedrooms, UMD shuttle on-site, 24hr front desk service, short term leases available, Verizon Fios, walk-in closets, 24hr fitness center, Olympic size swimming pool, excellent customer service.</p>	<p>1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1175 888-377-4216 chateau.net</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD		Hillbrooke Towers 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	<p>Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. Ride-on Bus at your door. Minutes away from restaurants, movies, theaters and parks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Vouchers Welcome • REDUCED SECURITY DEPOSIT FOR IMMEDIATE MOVE IN (W/GOOD CREDIT) 	<p>1, 3 BRs Starting at \$950 888-833-9784</p>		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	
MD		Capital Crossing 3930 Suitland Road Suitland, MD 20746	<p>One Bedrooms available immediately.</p> <p>Call today to find out how you can get up to one month free on your new apartment PLUS a very special move in gift!</p>	<p>1, 2 BRs Starting at \$920 888-348-1026 williamcsmith.com</p>	X	X		X	X			X				
MD		Silver Hill Apartments 4277 Silver Hill Road Suitland, Md. 20746	<p>Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. Call today to see your new home at Silver Hill Apts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Low Security Deposit • Move in for \$499 + deposit. (call for details) 	<p>1 & 2BRs start at \$755 888-513-2042</p>		X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
MD		Belford Towers 6733 New Hampshire Ave. Takoma Park, MD 20912	<p>Our apartments boast wall-to-wall carpeting, central air, abundant closet space- including a walk in closet, garbage disposal, patio, elevator access, and vertical blinds. intercom access on site security.</p>	<p>1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$970 888-420-4302 Beaconmanagement.com</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		

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MD		Hunters Glen Apartments 14210 Slidell Court Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Villages of Marlborough. Well manicured landscaping, perfect location near historical sites, shopping, dining & entertainment. * Clubhouse with Fitness Center * Swimming Pool, Large Sundeck	1, 2, 3+ BRs Starting from \$1465 888-627-3012 bozzuto.com	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom	Laundry on Site	Metro Accessible	Parking Available	Pets Allowed	Fitness Ctr on Site	Secure Entry	UTILS Included	W & D in Unit
VA		Del Ray Central 3051 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22305	A luxurious brand new community with a small town main street feeling. Experience shopping and dining at its best with a variety of specialty boutiques and locally owned restaurants. On Mt. Vernon Ave, moments from D.C. and right between Crystal City and Old Town.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs w/ dens Starting at \$1830 864-365-2138 delraycentral.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VA		Lloyd Apartments 800 Tennessee Avenue Alexandria, VA 22305	Lloyd Apartments offer expansive floor plans from 650 to 870 square feet with utilities included. Abundant light from windows in every room, including the kitchen and bathroom. Elegant foyers and hallways boast hardwood floors. The bathroom is equipped with a soaking tub and shower with tile flooring. We provide the convenience of on-site laundry facilities, extra storage units, and free parking.	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1175 240-455-5467 lloydapartments.com	X	X		X	X							
VA		The Alexander 4390 King Street Alexandria, VA 22302	Our Collection of pet-friendly studio, one and two - bed apartments is near the Pentagon City and Crystal City Metro stations and our free shuttle makes commuting a breeze.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1400 571-257-2630 thealexanderapts.riverstoneres.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA		The Aventure of Alexandria 2801 Park Center Drive Alexandria, VA 22302	Luxury hi-rise living with no amenity spared! Oversized renovated apartment homes w/stunning views; Too many closets to count! Shuttles to Metro & BRAC at Mark Center at your doorstep. • Sparkling Pool • Dog Park • On-Site Deli	1, 2, 3 BRs From the \$1300s 877-939-3759 TheAventureofAlexandria.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA		Glebe House 25 West Glebe Road Alexandria, VA 22305	• Furnished & Unfurnished • FREE Cable and HBO • FREE 90-Day membership to YMCA • FREE WIFI in the business center • Prime location minutes to Washington DC, Pentagon, Crystal City, Old Town, Reagan National Airport, Beltway and 395	Studios, 1 BRs start at \$954 240-455-3567 glebehouse.net	X	X		X	X						X	
VA		Kings Gardens Apartments 6300 S.Kings Hwy Alexandria, VA 22306	King Gardens Apartments 1,2, 3 bedrooms available starting from \$1165.	1BR-3BR's + Dens Starting at \$ 1165 866-980-9358 kgleasing@smcmail.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
VA		Southern Towers 4901 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22301	• Close to Pentagon & I-395 • Convenience store on-site • Free on-site parking • Metrobus accessible • No security deposit & move-in fees • Spacious floorplans	Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$920 703-485-4154 southerntowersapts.com	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
VA		Southport 6112 Edsall Road Alexandria, VA 22304	Southport is a large, quiet & comfortable 22-acre community in a park-like setting. We pay gas & water. Amenities include: • fitness center/sauna • grand size pool/clubhouse • playground	Studio,1,2,3 BRs, some w/Dens 703-835-9402 gradymgt.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA		The Strand of Alexandria 420 Yoakum Parkway Alexandria, VA 22304	Connect with a newly renovated apartment in sought-after Alexandria at The Strand! Not only do our luxury apartments give you all the space you need, plus some amazing views...but our community is loaded with extras. From the refreshing pool and sundeck to the deluxe clothes care center with free Wi-Fi, we have it all at The Strand. Check out one of our two fitness centers and enjoy free parking.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs From the \$1000s 866-717-4451 thestrandoalexandria.com	X	X	X				X	X		X		

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VA		The Parliaments 7409 Eastmoreland Rd. Annandale, VA 22003	All Utilities included Central Air & Heat Huge Walk-in Closets Pets Welcome Very Spacious Apartments	1, 2, 3BRs Starting at \$1130 866-796-5301 parliaments@smcmail.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
VA		The Buchanan 320 23rd Street South Arlington, VA 22202	The Buchanan is located in the heart of Crystal City just minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria. Imagine living at this perfect location where you have convenient access to the Crystal City Metro as well as steps away from a variety of shops, and award winning restaurants.	Studios, 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms starting at \$1,570 240-348-1803 www.buchananapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		Dominion Plaza 1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, Virginia 22204	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall carpeting, as available ● Fitness center, pool & sundeck ● Picnic and barbecue areas on grounds ● Business Center 	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at \$1105 703-436-1516 dominionplazaapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	
VA		Shirlington House 4201 S. 31st Street Arlington, VA 22206	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spacious floor plans ● Garage parking available ● 24 hour Fitness Center ● Convenience store on-site ● Convenient public transportation to Metro, Pentagon City & Crystal City ● Easy access to I-395 	Studio, Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1210 703-595-4233 shirlingtonhouseapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
VA		Dominion Arms 333 South Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA 22204	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Utilities Included ● Beauty shop, barber shop & drycleaners ● Close to Route 50 ● Laundry rooms on each floor ● Metro Bus to Ballston & Pentagon Metro ● Outdoor swimming pool ● Small pets welcome 	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at \$1070 703-822-5558 dominionarmsapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X		
VA		Potomac Towers 2001 North Adams Street Arlington, VA 22201	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newly remodeled apartments ● Newly remodeled lobby w/Business Center ● Fitness Center, Pool & Sundeck ● 24-Hour Front Desk Service ● 3 Blocks to Court House Metro ● Easy access to Key Bridge, Rt. 66 & GW Parkway 	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1405 703-485-4903 potomactowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		Crystal Plaza 2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA 22202	Imagine having direct access to the Crystal City Underground and Metro. Crystal Plaza features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Generously sized interiors with wall to wall glass living areas and panoramic views * Modern eat-in kitchens, separate dining areas and ceramic tile bathrooms. <p>Located in Crystal City minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria.</p>	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1335 240-348-1790 crystalplazaapartments.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		The Park at Arlington Ridge 1800 South 26th Street Arlington, VA 22206	LUXURY. CONVENIENCE. LIFESTYLE. These three words exude what is best about The Park at Arlington Ridge! Plush landscaping, well designed interiors, luxury amenities and services. Just minutes from DC, shopping, restaurants and entertainment the Park has the luxury and convenience to suit your busy lifestyle!	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1595 240-392-3361 parkatarlingtonridge.com		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA		Penrose Square on Columbia Pike 2501 9th Rd. S, Suite 100 Arlington, VA 22204	Nestled in the heart of Town Center in the Columbia Pike Revitalization District, our upscale community boasts the finest amenities in the area, including a GIANT food store downstairs, a shopping and dining pavilion on the 1st floor, a state of the art fitness center, business center, a putting green, and a resort style pool with sun deck. Enjoy easy access to DC, the Pentagon. First MetroBus Super Stop.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at \$1705 703-638-1936 penrose-square.com	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	

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VA		Fillmore Garden Apartments 805 S. Walter Reed Drive Arlington, VA 22204	An affordable community nestled among tranquil trees and in the heart of Arlington. * Close to cutting edge restaurants, lively clubs and quick access anywhere in DC * Spacious units with lots of light * Free utilities	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1175 240-455-5092 fillmoregardenapts.com	X	X	X	X	X						
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VA		Monticello Gardens 3212 Allen Street #101 Falls Church, VA 22042	• 2 swimming pools & 5 playgrounds • 24 hour maintenance • Adjacent to Loehmann's Plaza, Shopping, New Super Giant and New Library • Convenient to Metro & minutes from Dunn Loring Metro Station, I-66 & I-495 • No security deposit & move-in fees	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1250 703-436-1510 monticellogardenapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	
VA		The Marque at Heritage Hunt 13550 Heathcote Blvd. Gainesville, VA 20155	*Five Star Living on 12 acres in beautiful apartment homes with custom finishes *10,000 SF of World-Class Amenities and Unparalleled Service *pool, movie theater, business center and more! *corporate and short-term leases available	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at \$1472 703-468-1882 MarqueApartments.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA		The Point at Bull Run 10519 Lariat Lane Manassas, VA 20109	Special Offer: If move in by April 30th, one month FREE • Junior Olympic size pool, tennis courts, business center, car care center, clubhouse • Newly renovated units available	1, 2 BRs Starting at \$1079 703-659-0523 thepointatbullrunapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	
VA		The Commons of McLean 1653 Anderson Road McLean, VA 22102	Here you'll find a space that's uniquely yours, newly renovated and stylish, great for showing off at your next party. An uncrowded space that's spread out amongst 40 acres of tree-filled gardens. Yet a space that's in the heart of McLean life, blocks from Fortune 500 companies	1 BR, 2 BR starting at \$1391 866-954-6692 commonsofmclean.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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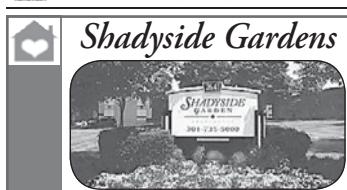
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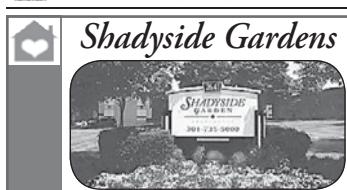
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Sissy Spacek

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Oscar-winner Sissy Spacek

effortlessly slips into parts as varied as a psycho high-schooler ("Carrie"), country singer Loretta Lynn ("Coal Miner's Daughter") and a mother of a troubled boxer in crime drama "Deadfall," which opened at the Tribeca Film Festival last month. But it's her role as a mother to two daughters that spurred her to write a memoir, "My Extraordinary Ordinary Life" (\$27, Hyperion). The Blue Ridge Mountains resident will be at Sixth & I Historic Synagogue (Sixthandi.org) on May 6 at 3 p.m.

Your memoir is so detailed. How did you decide what to include?

I'm from a family of storytellers, and so I was happiest to get my childhood stories down and stories of my grandparents for my

girls. Our childhoods are the foundations of our life. I wanted to put all that down while I still remember so vividly.

What will fans be most surprised to learn about you?

Maybe that I'm just like them.

Looking forward, what would the next chapter look like?

I'd hope that I would be just continuing to live my life, making movies and enjoying my children, my husband and my animals.

You were 6 years old when a show of baton twirlers inspired you to go into show business.

What did you want to do?

It was just the excitement of the theater. I remember looking at my little girlfriends up on stage twirl-

ing their batons and thinking, "I could do that. I should be up there." The irony is that I did learn to twirl a baton, and then that became an important part of one of my first characters, Holly from "Badlands." Who knew that that was a talent I would use years later?

[Virginia's] the greatest place in the world. You just have to stay off the tarmac and find a shade tree."

Do you have a favorite role?

Yes, of course — "Badlands" and "Carrie" and "Coal Miner's Daughter," "The Help," "Raggedy Man," "Missing." There are more than that as well. The film I did with [director] Bob Altman, "3 Women," and "The Straight Story" with [director] David Lynch. It's kind of like your children. You love them all. You love the same but differently.

You're a Texas native who's lived in California and New York. How did you come to live in Virginia?

My husband grew up in Virginia and he brought me here. I remember stepping out of the plane many years ago in Washington, D.C. I think it was in August. We came from California and the heat and humidity hit me as I walked off the plane, and I thought, "Why would anyone live here?"

But you stayed?

Yes, years later, here I am and it's the greatest place in the world. You just have to stay off the tarmac and find a shade tree. It's really a lovely place because the land is so beautiful. The topography, the history and the people are so lovely.

STEPHANIE KANOWITZ (FOR EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | A More Stylish Alternative to Margaritas

Spend your Cinco de Mayo with the ladies of Ginger Root Design, the indie tailors and red-headed gals with a flair for finding local gems (1530 U St. NW; 202-567-7668). Their trunk show from 3-7 p.m. this Saturday highlights four District designers, including hat-maker Ciao Nina and jewelry designers Lauren Joan, Clara Cantor and YB Green.

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Grab Bag

Shop! That! Bus!

SOMEONE NEEDS to explain the definition of "trunk show" to Joey Wolffer. The fab globetrotter seems to have taken it literally. The Styleliner, her 20-foot potato-chip truck turned accessories-shop-on-wheels, is a mobile marvel where she sells spoils from her worldly travels, such as mesh jewelry from Spain, beaded clutches from Brazil and Parisian endless scarves. She hits the road in D.C. this weekend in Georgetown and Dupont. Find dates and times at TheStyleliner.com.



Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Holley Simmons. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at expressnightout.com/grabbag.

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Ole School

SOUTH OF THE BORDER DESIGN isn't all piñatas and woven blankets. The MoMa Store's just-launched collaboration, Destination Mexico (Momastore.org), spotlights modern home and personal goods from our neighbors below, like a cheeky Sombrerou Dish (shown, \$68), bowls made of fiesta-bright paper strips (\$25) and flower brooches crafted from charomesa, the ubiquitous oilcloth table covers used in homes and restaurants throughout Mexico (\$15). Any would spice up a Cinco de Mayo bash.



Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

For Mother's Day, I'm planning a brunch in my backyard for Mom and some family. I need flats to go with the simple sundress I'll be wearing under my apron. No thongs, please, as the shoes need to stay on my feet as I go back and forth to the kitchen.

— MELINDA

Manolo says, Ayyyy! The Dia De La Madre is only one week away! What are you going to do to honor that most special lady in your life, the mother? Will you settle for the traditional brunchon of the Artichoke Crab Legs Benedict at the Lobster of Redness?

3

Yes We Tan

YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL who's been spray-tanning by their caroty complexion and that funky cocoa-butter smell. Lucky for hue, St. Tropez's Perfect Legs Spray (\$18, StTropeztan.com) combats all the tell-tale signs of fakery. The sugar-based formula leaves gams beautifully bronzed for up to 10 days and is developed with Aromaguard, technology that eliminates 70 percent of typical tanner odor.

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Maxx Season

SINCE 1977, T.J.MAXX HAS BEEN outfitting penny-pinching shoppers with the same clothing, shoes and accessories available at fancy department stores for up to 60 percent off. The latest addition to its fleet — store No. 1,000 — recently opened in downtown D.C. (601 13th St. NW; 202-637-1261) and houses the usual suspects like Michael Kors and Nine West, plus a Runway at Maxx section full of couture designs from contemporary American and European designers.



5 Shade Of Gray

THE CUPPED HAND: very effective against rays, but not particularly fashion-forward. Enter Waiting for the Sun, eyewear outfitters based in Paris (Redeem, 1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447). The 100 percent UV protective spectacles are hand-carved from wood, including the Delta Natural (top, \$185), the Deux Cognac (middle, \$185) and the Solid Green (bottom, \$185).



Or will you attempt something more ambitious, such as doing the special celebratory meal with the family on your recently completed patio?

On the one hand, all-you-can-eat cheese biscuits.

On the other hand, have you made the hollandaise sauce from the scratch recently? And do you have the number for poison control taped to the refrigerator?

Whatever the case, nothing says "I Love You, Mom," quite like the Sunday brunch, unless it is for the giant, lace-decked greeting card with the endearingly floral scene on the outside and the finest rhyming doggerel about the long-suffering nobility of motherhood on the inside.

Here is the Maia Lush from Bernardo, the cute flat sandal in the dove color, with the intriguing hook-and-eye details on the strap.

Mom would be proud of such a practical choice.



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Print pants are
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a better half

STEP AWAY FROM THE JEANS. Though versatile, denim does very little in the wow department. Pants with loud florals, happy polka dots and pretty paisleys, on the other hand, scream “Let’s have some fun!” “We have a tendency to get in a rut wearing the same solid pants and just interchanging the top,” says Violet Boutique owner Julie Egermayer. “But wearing patterned bottoms is an easy way to add some pop to your wardrobe. They’re no longer a fashion risk — they’re a fashion staple.” We’ve rounded up our favorite patterned pants to prove that this season, prints are king.

TEXT, HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS); STYLING, CATHY PHILLIPS; PHOTOS BY MARGE ELY (EXPRESS); MODEL, CIMATALENT; MAKEUP, LEAH SARAH BASSETT USING CAMERA READY COSMETICS FOR T.H.E. ARTIST AGENCY

fashion lookout



ON THE COVER: PEDAL POWER Alice and Olivia pants (\$176, Bloomingdale's, 5300 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.; 240-744-3700) with Gemma top (\$68, South Moon Under, 2700 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-807-4083), OVI jacket and purple ring (\$52 and \$14, Violet Boutique, 2439 18th St. NW; 202-621-9225), white ring (\$10, Charming Charlies, 100 American Way, Oxon Hill, Md.; 240-273-0353), Tory Burch wedges (\$195, Shoe Hive, 127 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 877-548-7196) and Forever 21 earrings (\$4, Forever21.com). **1. SPLASHION** Leifsdottir pants (\$198, Anthropologie.com) with Rebecca Taylor top (\$225, Wink, 3109 M St. NW; 202-338-9465), bracelet and ring (\$8 and \$13, Charming Charlies), clutch (\$42, Violet) and Loeffler Randall sandals (\$375, Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-471-4400). **2. MODERN UPDATE** Free People shorts and top (\$78 and \$88, South Moon Under, 10247 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda; 301-564-0995) with a bracelet and ring (both \$36, Sassanova) and Argila wedges (\$369, Shoe Hive).

3. LASTING IMPRESSIONS Watercolor shorts from Alice and Olivia (\$165, Bloomingdale's) with orange Equipment Femme shirt (\$198, Wink), tortoiseshell ring, Danielle Nicole bag (\$85 and \$98, Sassanova), belt (\$34, South Moon Under) and Splendid shoes (\$94, Shoe Hive). **4. FIRST LACE** Reiss top (\$115, Bloomingdale's) with Ark and Co. lace shorts (\$69, Violet). A blue ring, bracelet (\$12 and \$24, Violet) and Rowen peep-toe shoes (\$195, Sassanova) finish the look. **5. DO THE POLKA** Silk Reiss top (\$240, Bloomingdale's) with yellow Current/Elliott polka dots pants (\$218, Anthropologie.com), white and gold bangles (\$45, Sassanova), pink ring (\$13, Violet) and pink Diba wedges (\$67, Shoe Hive). **6. ARTFUL AZTEC** Ikat shorts make a Fun2Fun silk green top come to life (\$30 and \$39, Violet) when styled with a spiky gold ring (\$10, Charming Charlies), blue and gold bracelet (\$23, Violet) and Butter flats (\$288, Sassanova). **7. TO DYE FOR** Aqua polka dot top (\$78, Bloomingdale's) with Earnest Sewn tie dye pants (\$210, Anthropologie.com), watch and white bangles (\$18 and \$15, Charming Charlies), Kate Spade wedges (\$258, Shoe Hive) and mint-colored ring (\$16, Violet).

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CHRIS HEMSWORTH, THOR

The Reelist



All-Out 'Avengers'

I never really believed the story about how late-19th-century audiences, when they saw "The Arrival of a Train at La Ciotat Station," ran from the screen, afraid the cinematic choo-choo would squish them. (If you're not familiar with the 50-second film, here's the plot: A train pulls into a station. People get on. People get off. The end.)

If any of the ghosts of those early filmgoers were at my screening of

"The Avengers," they were probably laughing at me, the silly woman desperately clutching the armrests and ducking while a battle between aliens and superheroes raged. The 3-D and IMAX technology tapped into the reptile part of my brain, and that part was screaming "IT'S THE HULK! RUN!"

Sometimes it's not worth paying extra for 3-D and IMAX, particularly since the name "IMAX" now means almost nothing. (The reasons why are for another column. A boring, nerdy column.) But when you see "The Avengers," go to the best theater you can find. Pay for the 3-D. Pay for the IMAX. Pee beforehand, and don't get a drink. It would be a shame to miss any part of this film, a marvel that takes technology that, until recently, has been superfluous at best and distracting at worst and makes it integral to the experience.

Drive a little farther, pay a little more, and take this ride in the best possible circumstances.



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Well-Assembled



By Kristen
Page-Kirby

The superegos of 'The Avengers' band together with great power and clever wit

Film Review

There were ripples of anticipation — and anxiety — when Marvel announced that Joss Whedon would direct "Marvel's The Avengers," the comic-book-movie to end all comic book movies, featuring Iron Man, Captain America, the Hulk, Black Widow, Hawkeye and Thor.

Whedon is known for his cerebral humor — most recently in the slasher send-up "The Cabin in the Woods." He also has an unrepentant sentimental streak, evidenced by his work on the first "Toy Story" movie. When it came to Whedon having his way with the rabidly beloved Marvel franchise, fanboys wondered (to borrow a phrase from the movie itself): What's his play?

Those faithful acolytes can breathe easy: "The Avengers" has

Marvel's *The Avengers* (PG-13)

- **Director:** Joss Whedon
- **Stars:** Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth and Samuel L. Jackson, right
- **In a Nutshell:** Nick Fury of S.H.I.E.L.D. brings together a team of superhumans to form the Avengers and help save the Earth from Loki and his army.

been executed with all the reverence the superfans demand, as well as the winking, self-referential humor that has made it palatable for filmgoers disinclined to take a bunch of men dressed in spandex so seriously.

Most crucially, Whedon has enlisted terrific actors

Support Staff

Though the main Avengers get all the attention, the S.H.I.E.L.D. agents — Samuel L. Jackson's Nick Fury, Clark Gregg's Phil Coulson and Cobie Smulders' Maria Hill — also supply serious firepower.



who function both as individual stars and a cohesive team. That balancing act is precisely what's called for in "The Avengers," which pivots largely on the tensions between superheroes accustomed to being singular, now forced to work in harness with one another's often ungovernable strengths — and egos.

When Robert Downey Jr. first played Tony Stark in "Iron Man," he brought a bracing dose of sophistication and flippancy humor to what could have been a turgid exercise in overseriousness. In "Iron Man 2," he took the cockiness to a new, not altogether welcome, level of self-regard. In "The Avengers," he dials the swagger back to where viewers first fell for Stark, the smart-but-silly playboy whose superpower may reside in a metal sheath but also lies in his ability to puncture the most cherished pieties.

That impudence doesn't sit well with Steve Rogers, aka Captain America, whom Chris Evans introduced last year as a refreshingly clean-cut avatar of retro wholesomeness and values. Befud-

ROBERT DOWNEY JR., IRON MAN:

... The 'Iron Man' series so far has always been about making space for others and collaborating.

It's Tony's ... story, but it's always about all the folks we get around him who are kind of what make him interesting or give him someone or something to fight."



CHRIS EVANS, CAPTAIN AMERICA:

"I'd never seen either one of them before in their outfits. Obviously I loved the 'Iron Man' movies and I had just seen 'Thor' ... and I remember coming to set and seeing both of them suited up and just thinking ... 'God, I wish I could work with those guys.' And the immediate afterthought was, '[Expletive] I am! I am! I'm in a suit too! I can't believe this!' So that was a really nice geek moment for me."

Behind
The Scenes
with 'The Avengers'

entertainment lookout



JEREMY
RENNER,
HAWKEYE

dled by Stark's snark — and references to 21st-century ephemera — he now looks more like a moralizing prig.

The competitive psychodynamics between Stark and Rogers play out after they're assembled by Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) and the peacekeeping agency S.H.I.E.L.D., when Thor's (Chris Hemsworth) brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) arrives on Earth and wreaks chaotic havoc. If Stark doesn't immediately bond with Captain America, he finds a more easy alliance with the brainy Bruce Banner (Mark Ruffalo), the mellow, modest scientist who, to avoid getting angry and turning into the Hulk, has been living abroad.

Another newcomer, Jeremy Renner, doesn't get as much screen time as Ruffalo. But as Hawkeye — whose backstory with Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow forms another fractious subplot — he proves that he's capable of holding his own within a franchise juggernaut.

Laying waste to midtown Manhattan while tickling the dark side of his dualistic protagonists, Whedon has positioned "The Avengers" exactly where it needs to be in order to keep spinning out. Bidding good-bye to at least one character and saying hello to another in a tantalizing closing-credits hint, he leaves us wanting more — which, for now at least, is undoubtedly the right play.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

\$280 Million

The gross of "The Avengers" worldwide, as of Thursday. Last week, the film opened abroad.

The Funny Side of Super Heroes



Joss Whedon injects some welcome humor into 'The Avengers'

Personalities

You better know how to wisecrack if you're going to save the world, Joss Whedon-style.

Whedon, creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and other witty TV ensembles such as "Firefly" and "Dollhouse," applies his own superpower — playful dialogue and group camaraderie — as writer and director of the superhero mash-up "The Avengers."

As with "Buffy" or Whedon's other fantasy-based creations, the gags make the action go down more credibly as the Avengers battle Thor's wicked brother and a swarm of ugly aliens.

"I never write anything without humor, just because I like humor, but at the same time, it is a way for anything fantastical to become relatable," Whedon says. "Because you can always turn around and go, 'That guy's the god

Team Bonding

Much of the humor in Joss Whedon's "The Avengers" derives from the growing pains the Avengers experience, squabbling among one another before they learn to work as a team. (AP)

of thunder, and this is really happening?" And then if anybody in the audience was having a problem with that, they're sort of inoculated to it."

"The Avengers" were among the first comic books Whedon read as a boy. The influence of the ensemble and its complicated, crazy interrelations is obvious through much of Whedon's work.

"The great thing about this team is, there's an element of absurdity to the idea of the Avengers, and there always was," he says. "You read the first issue, and you're like, 'Really? REALLY? This is a team?'" DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

SCARLETT JOHANSSON, BLACK WIDOW:

"One of the biggest challenges was learning the Wushu style of fighting, which is really intense and complicated and painful. You do all your rehearsals with a broom handle, and suddenly you have a 30-lb. alien gun in your hand."



MARK RUFFALO, THE HULK:

"It's creepy, I have to say. It's exactly what we wanted it to be like. Even my chest hair, the gray in my hair. Wow. It's pretty amazing, but it's a little shocking."

Also Opening



ISHKA MOHAN
In "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," Judi Dench, left, and Celia Imrie, right, play retirees who move into an Indian boarding house.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13)

► **Director:** John Madden
► **Stars:** Judi Dench, Billy Nighy, Maggie Smith, Dev Patel
► **In a Nutshell:** This blandly middling crowd-pleaser follows a group of seven English retirees who have taken up residence in a seedy Indian boarding house. The entertainment one derives from it is directly proportional to the appeal of each character. Those levels vary widely. At the delightful end of the spectrum is Judi Dench's Evelyn, a recent widow whose loneliness and wisdom is rendered in an affectingly nuanced performance. At the other end is Maggie Smith's Muriel, a racist coot rendered in a strident, one-note caricature. Some viewers may respond to the film's message that it's never too late for love. Others may groan at its reliance on paleolithic vaudeville humor. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Restless City (R)

In this narratively unsteady but visually rhapsodic debut, New York is again portrayed as the place where dreams come true. But Nigeria-born director Andrew Dosunmu infuses that familiar narrative with the uncertainty of displacement and the verve of discovery. Sy Alassane stars as an immigrant from Senegal who longs to make it as a pop star. When he meets a beautiful prostitute, the shadow world they inhabit takes on dangerous implications. ANN HORANADY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



coming soon

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SAT 12	MIXTAPE DJS SHEA VAN HORN & MATT BAILER \$10
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SUN 13	REDLINE GRAFFITI BOSCO LAUGHING MAN \$10
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"The Lucky One," starring Zac Efron, left, and Taylor Schilling, right, tries to be the next "The Notebook," but in this case, the sparks don't fly in quite the same way.

Now Playing

AMERICAN REUNION (R, 113 minutes)

Like Stifler, "American Reunion" refuses to grow up. The obsession with sex has not changed. The subject of coupling, uncoupling and re-coupling with exes is almost the sole subject of conversation at this reunion. There's precious little comedy mined from the fact that people change. It pushes R-rated movie boundaries: If you've ever wondered what a nude Jason Biggs looks like smooshed up against glass, your prayers will be answered. At times it goes beyond tweaking taboos to the downright inappropriate. A subplot about a neighborhood girl (Ali Cobrin) — she's turning 18 and has the hots for Jim, her former babysitter — borders on the pedophilic. m.o.

THE CABIN IN THE WOODS (R, 95 minutes)

Like its spiritual heirs, "The Cabin in the Woods" comes not only to praise the slasher-, zombie- and gorefests of yore but to critique them, elaborating on their grammatical elements and archetypal figures even while searching for ways to put them to novel use. The opening scenes are when viewers meet the principal players, who hew teleogenically to horror-movie conventions. When they all pile into an RV and head for one of their cousin's new place on a rural lake, carnage is sure to ensue; when they encounter a spooky old coot at an abandoned gas station on their way, their tragic fates are all but sealed. As a

playful departure from the torture porn that it obliquely lampoons, "The Cabin in the Woods" marks a welcome return of cheap thrills and simple bump-in-the-night frights, with some stinging self-critical commentary on the side. A.H.

THE FIVE-YEAR ENGAGEMENT (R, 124 minutes)

A running sight gag has Jason Segel dressed in a pink bunny suit, which his character, Tom, wore to the New Year's Eve party where he met Violet (Emily Blunt). She's dressed as Princess Di, and it's no wonder that the two hit it off. One year later, Tom proposes to Violet in one of the cutest marry-me sequences staged in recent movie history. The film hits a speed bump right when Tom and Violet do, after they move to Michigan. Tom can't find a job and winds up making sandwiches; Violet comes under the sway of a flashy psych professor, and the two begin to grow apart. Because it's so willing to drill down into Tom's and Violet's misery, "The Five-Year Engagement" involves a higher grim-to-grin ratio than its fluffier brethren. There's an unmistakable ring of truth to the couple's conflicts and mixed feelings. Even at its darkest and weirdest, "The Five-Year Engagement" seems intent on being as sweet as it is brutally honest. A.H.

THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13, 142 minutes)

This adaptation of the hit young adult novel centers on grievous violence and children, who, in author Suzanne Collins' floridly postapocalyptic future, are subjected to an annual ritual wherein they murder one another as part of a nationwide reality show. That perverse dystopia is brought faithfully, if unspectacularly, to life by director Gary Ross. If the series'

entertainment lookout

legions of fans miss a detail here or a subplot there, they'll still recognize its bones and sinew, especially in Jennifer Lawrence's eagle-eyed heroine, Katniss Everdeen. The Hunger Games have been instituted by the elite leaders of a country in order to keep down a restive populace. After randomly plucking a boy and a girl from each of the federation's districts, a shadowy government-entertainment complex subjects them to a kill-or-be-killed group hunt. Lawrence is never less than grounded and believable as a young woman forced by circumstance to assume wisdom far beyond her years. A.H.

THE LUCKY ONE (PG-13, 101 minutes) Can a drama be too restrained? "The Lucky One," adapted from a Nicholas Sparks novel, stars Zac Efron in a suds romantic melodrama. All great romances hinge on two things: keeping the principals apart and getting them together. When a conclusion is as foregone as the one in "The Lucky One," the first part of the equation becomes nothing but contrivance and ginned-up conflict. Most of "The Lucky One" consists of proving how sensitive Logan (Efron) is and how put-upon Beth (Taylor Schilling) is as she clatters around her grandmother's impeccably distressed cottage and affects Veronica Lakesque bangs-in-the-eye sultriness. A.H.

THE PIRATES! BAND OF MISFITS (PG, 90 minutes) The charmingly goofy animated feature showcases characters known only as the Pirate Captain, the Pirate With Gout, the Albino Pirate, etc. "The Pirates!" is built around the premise of a reality-TV-style contest between the Pirate Captain and three other blackguards: Black Bellamy, Cutlass Liz and Peg Leg Hastings. In his search for ships filled with booty, the Pirate Captain accidentally sacks the HMS Beagle, the research ship of Charles Darwin (voiced by David Tennant), leading to a more landlocked, and delightfully ludicrous, adventure. Like many Aardman Animations films, this one is awash with silliness. It has enough humor to keep Mom and Dad from falling asleep. As with Aardman's "Wallace and Gromit" films, there's a sardonic animal sidekick. Perhaps, by the second "Pirates!" film, there will be a character as beloved as Gromit. In the meantime, "The Pirates!" has made a buoyant maiden voyage. M.O.

THE RAVEN (R, 111 minutes) See the right promotional photo of John Cusack playing Edgar Allan Poe in "The Raven" and it briefly looks like a good idea, but then Edgar Allan Poe walks into a bar



After only a year of dating, Tom (Jason Segel, right) proposes to Violet (Emily Blunt, left) in "The Five-Year Engagement." Clearly, it takes a bit longer to get to the altar.



Regina Hall, right and Terrence J., left, are among the several sets of on-screen pairs in "Think Like a Man."

and starts talking. Nothing in the actor's cadence or attitude suggests the story's 1849 setting. "The Raven" seems content to steal a famous figure's name and leave any stabs at authenticity to the set and costume designers. The movie's conceit takes a tidbit of biographical fact — Poe died under mysterious conditions, having been found on the streets in a state of delirium. The booze-weakened author helps hunt a serial killer he himself has inspired. Director James McTeigue was much more successful capturing graphic novelist Alan Moore's mood in "V for Vendetta"

than he is conjuring the suspense of Poe. But viewed as simply another Hollywood thriller, "The Raven" builds up a decent head of steam as time runs out for our hero's imperiled fiancee. JOHN DEFORE
THINK LIKE A MAN (PG-13, 120 minutes) An all-star revue of some of the most physically stunning actors in Hollywood, "Think Like a Man" is a pleasure if only on a purely sensory level. The nine main characters in "Think Like a Man" might be archetypes-bordering-on-stereotypes, but all manage to resemble authentic human beings, thanks to the terrific actors who play them: Taraji P. Henson, Meagan Good, Regina Hall and Gabrielle Union. Each of these gorgeous, high-achieving, self-aware women faces a specific dating problem for which Steve Harvey, author of the book the movie is based upon, has just the right advice. Forget hackneyed clichés about Players and Dreamers and the scheming women who seek to domesticate them. Focus on the pleasures of watching a group of gifted actors spar and seduce each other with genuine warmth, and "Think Like a Man" just might go straight to your head. A.H.

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1 Smooth Baritone

We can't blame Barbara Cook: If we could choose anyone to come to the Kennedy Center and sing to us, it'd probably be Aaron Lazar. The hunky star of "South Pacific" and "The Light in the Piazza" is the next highlight of Cook's ongoing Spotlight series. Not that we're implying she chose him because he's handsome. The man can also sing down the house.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., 7:30 p.m., \$45; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org.

2 You're Invited to Big G's Birthday

Yes, we know, you love "The Wire." You've told everyone by now how it's the best show ever made and you've watched it all four times and you went to Baltimore and it looked just like "The Wire." Now you can cozy up to the cast: Anwan Glover, who played Slim Charles on the show and fronted for go-go group the Backyard Band, is throwing a birthday party that's also a coming-out party for his hip-hop album, "Transformations."

Ibiza, 1222 1st St. NE; Fri., 9 p.m., \$25-\$60; 888-424-9232, Ibizadc.com.



3 Holiday Cheer

Star chef Mike Isabella's new Mexican restaurant, Bandalero, isn't quite ready to open in its intended home in Georgetown. Instead, Isabella and his team will have a pop-up restaurant on Cinco de Mayo, celebrating the holiday with free samples of the upcoming restaurant's signature margarita between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. and a preview of its a la carte menu. **Tackle Box, 3407 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., noon, free; 202-450-6875, Bandalero.com. (Cleveland Park)**

Local movie times

DISTRICT

AMC Loews Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Chimpanzee (G) Digital Presentation: 9:50-10:20-22:00 Movie Times
The Cabin in the Woods (R) Digital Presentation: 10:50-11:10-4:00-6:45-9:15-12:00
Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Digital Presentation: () 9:40-1:00-4:20-7:40-11:10
21 Jump Street (R) Digital Presentation: 4:00-7:20-10:10
The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Reel3D: () 10:00-3:00-7:50
Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., 7:30 p.m., \$45; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org.

Sound of My Voice (R) AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation: () 10:15-12:40-3:20-5:45-8:30-11:50

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:45-3:10-6:30-9:45

Think Like a Man (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:40

Safe (R) Digital Presentation: () 10:10-12:30-5:30-6:15-8:45-11:30

The Raven (R) Digital Presentation: () 9:30-12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-10:50

The Lucky One (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:40-1:20-4:00-7:10-10:00

The Five-Year Engagement (R) Digital Presentation: () 11:00-2:00-5:10-8:10-11:20

Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Digital Presentation; Reel3D: () 9:00-11:10-12:20-2:30-4:00-6:00-7:00-9:30-10:30

Marvel's The Avengers: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) Digital Presentation; Reel3D: () 10:20-1:40-5:00-8:20-11:50

The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) () 12:30-5:30-10:20

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Digital Presentation; Reel3D: () 12:00-3:30-7:10-10:50

AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Chimpanzee (G) Digital Presentation: 10:50-12:50-3:00-5:05-7:00

The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Reel3D: () 11:00-2:10-5:20-8:30

The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Reel3D: () 12:30-5:00-9:20

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:20-1:30-4:40-8:00

Think Like a Man (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:20-2:00-4:50-7:40-10:35

The Lucky One (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:00

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Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Digital Presentation; Reel3D: 10:00-1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40

The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) () 10:20-5:50-7:10

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu Story (NR) World Theatrical Premiere: 11:00-1:30-3:35-6:00-8:15

We Have a Pope (Habemus Papam) (NR) 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

Sound of My Voice (R) 1:10-3:35-5:45-7:55-10:00-12:00

Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) 2:00-4:00-6:00-10:45

Free Men (Les hommes libres) (NR) 2:50-5:15-7:30-9:45

We Have a Pope (Habemus Papam) (NR) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40

Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30

Monsieur Lazhar (PG-13) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-9:55

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:15-8:00-10:15

Marley (PG-13) 1:45-4:45-8:15

Rebecca (1940) (NR) 12:00AM

Blazing Saddles (R) 12:00AM

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: () 11:00-2:20-5:30-8:50-12:00

The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Reel3D: () 12:10-2:30-6:55

The Hunger Games (PG-13) 12:25-3:40-6:50-9:55

Think Like a Man (PG-13) 11:40-12:40-2:50-3:50-6:30-7:30-9:45-10:15-12:25

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The Five-Year Engagement (R) 1:00-4:10-7:10-10:25

Chimpanzee (G) 12:10-2:10-4:5-7:00-9:00

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.aficenter.org/silver

Porco Rosso (Kuremai no buta) (PG) Silver Babies Show: 11:00AM
Marley (PG-13) NO PASSES: () 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:00
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Silver Babies Show: 12:20; 2:30-7:05-9:40
Pina (PG) 4:50
The Last Detail (R) 9:30
The General (1927) (NR) NO PASSES: () 7:30

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Digital Presentation: () 11:30-2:45-6:15-9:45
The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Reel3D: () 2:00-6:45
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
Think Like a Man (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:00-1:50-5:00-8:00-10:45
Safe (R) Digital Presentation: 10:30-1:00-3:00-5:45-8:15-10:45
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The Five-Year Engagement (R) Digital Presentation: () 10:45-1:45-4:45-7:30-10:20
Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Digital Presentation; Reel3D: 10:00-1:15-4:30-7:45-10:50

The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) () 11:45-4:15-9:15

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Reel3D: 4:55-10:50
The Five-Year Engagement (R) Digital Presentation: 12:54-5:05-7:15-10:05
Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Digital Presentation; Reel3D: 1:30-4:40-7:50-11:00
Think Like a Man (PG-13) 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:35
Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 12:40-3:50-7:00-10:20
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) () 1:45-8:05-8:50

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Cntr 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

Chimpanzee (G) Digital Presentation: 11:30-1:50-4:00-6:00-8:00
The Three Stooges (PG) Digital Presentation: 9:40-12:00
The Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) Reel3D: 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Hunger Games (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:10-12:20-3:40-6:50-9:45-12:45
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Marvel's The Avengers: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: () 9:15-12:15-3:30-6:40-8:55-10:00
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21 Jump Street (R) 9:20-12:00
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The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) 12:00-2:20-4:35-7:00

AMC Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Sound of My Voice (R) 12:55-3:00-5:10-7:25-10:00
Bully (PG-13) 4:45
Footnote (Hearat Shulayim) (PG) 2:05-7:10
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-4:00-5:00-7:00-8:00-9:50
Monsieur Lazhar (PG-13) 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:30
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 4:35-9:40

REGAL

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) Reel3D: () 12:50-4:00-7:10-10:15

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) Digital Presentation: () 4:15-10:45

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TV weekend lookout

A Study in Sleuthing

'Sherlock' returns to PBS for a new set of modernized cases

Mystery

SUN 9:00 "Sherlock" returns for a second season on PBS' "Masterpiece Mystery!" A cheeky, cerebral delight, "Sherlock" updates Arthur Conan Doyle's detective series for the 21st century.

This series is a celebration of a great character and a nod to other TV characters who have descended from Holmes. As Sherlock, Benedict Cumberbatch's petulant, frequently unhinged behavior may remind some fans of a doctor named House. Like Hugh Laurie's character, Sherlock does not suffer fools, or anyone, it seems, except Dr. Watson (Mar-



Benedict Cumberbatch, left, and Martin Freeman, right, return as a modern Holmes and Watson in "Sherlock."

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tin Freeman), his trusted colleague and only friend. And even he gets his fair share of abuse. In another nod to modernity, many strangers take Holmes and Watson as a rather domesticated gay couple.

If "Sherlock" has a fault, it's the reliance on frequent, overly clever visual tricks that show us the detective's deductive powers. These quirks detract from the show's sparkling dialogue, which is punctuated with lightning-fast exchanges.

In Sunday's "Sherlock," the virginal Holmes comes under the spell of a dominatrix who seems to be blackmailing someone at the very apex of British power and celebrity. Next week, the series updates "The Hound of the Baskervilles" to the age of genetic engineering and biological warfare.

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Music



Rock Royalty

"The 2012 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony" (9 p.m. Sat., HBO) features lots of performances and tributes to the inductees, including the Beastie Boys, Donovan, Guns N' Roses, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, above, and the Small Faces/Faces. The Hall also enshrined the backup bands for some of the biggest names in rock history, including the Comets (Bill Haley), the Crickets (Buddy Holly), the Famous Flames (James Brown) and the Miracles (Smokey Robinson). K.M.

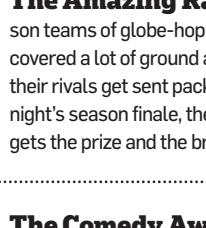
Best Bets

FRI
9:00



Fairly Legal (USA) Kate (Sarah Shahi, left) and Ben (Ryan Johnson) confront their romantic feelings for each other when she asks him to help her with a prison mediation. Leo (Baron Vaughn) talks Lauren (Virginia Williams) into taking a copyright case on his behalf.

SUN
8:00



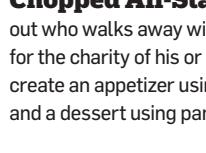
The Amazing Race (CBS) The two-person teams of globe-hopping hopefuls have covered a lot of ground and watched most of their rivals get sent packing. At the end of tonight's season finale, the last team standing gets the prize and the bragging rights.

SUN
9:00



The Comedy Awards (COM) These awards honor the year's funniest shows, movies, actors, stand-ups and more. Don Rickles, right, receives the Johnny Carson Award for Co-medic Excellence.

SUN
9:00



Chopped All-Stars (FOOD) The contestants square off to find out who walks away with the All-Star championship title and \$50,000 for the charity of his or her choice. To get there, the winner will have to create an appetizer using beef heart, an entree with fish and greens, and a dessert using panforte and pancetta. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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"One of the hallmarks of television coverage in any sport's postseason: Finding a loved one in the crowd, keeping a camera on them and weaving their reaction shots into the visual narrative of the game. ... [Wednesday] two more camera-ready stars were born: Mama and Papa Holtby."

—[GREG WYSHYNSKI AT SPORTS.YAHOO.COM/BLOGS/PUCKDADDY](#) was glad to see Caps goalie Braden Holtby's parents, above, in the crowd at the Verizon Center during the team's triple-overtime loss to the Rangers Wednesday night.

"Words that will get you physically removed from a government bldg: 'Harry, is there anything you want to say?'"

—[THE WASHINGTON POST'S MIKE DEBONIS](#) tweets about what got him thrown out of a federal courthouse after the sentencing of ex-D.C. Councilmember Harry Thomas Jr., who will serve 38 months on corruption charges.

"Everything seems to be pointing toward season five as the 'craziest' season yet, but we have a feeling that by the end of it, we might be adding 'darkest' to the list of superlatives."

—[KEVIN P. SULLIVAN AT MOVIESBLOG.MTV.COM](#) reacts after seeing a teaser released Thursday for the fifth season of "Breaking Bad," which is set to premier July 17 on AMC.

"Only a complete ego maniacal narcissist would have a campaign slide show that presumes his policies live on for 67 yrs. #Julia."

—[@HARRYLARRIS](#) isn't taking seriously President Obama's slideshow spelling out how his policies would help a hypothetical woman named "Julia" over her lifetime, as compared to those of the likely GOP nominee, Mitt Romney

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Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Inspiration may be in short supply today, but you can still rise to the occasion and do much that is required. Style counts for much.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A trip down memory lane may cause you more grief than you had anticipated today. It's time to bid goodbye to a certain episode from your past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to take care of yourself today, as care from another may be in short supply—or simply unavailable for the time being.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are being asked to do more than you can reasonably be expected to accomplish at once. Make clear your limits and capabilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not be able to do what you have been told today, simply because the circumstances you are facing are not at all suitable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You must remain positive today, even in the face of a challenge that makes it seem as though you will not be accomplishing an important goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll feel as though you have been set free in some way today. You can express yourself more openly and honestly to almost everyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The things that are most important to you have not changed—but the way you can secure them for yourself most certainly has.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll get much enjoyment out of watching someone else attempt something that is new to his or her repertoire.

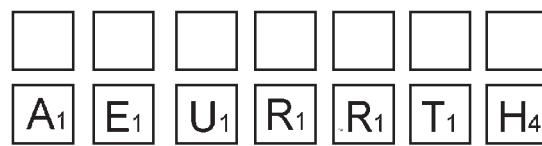
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can't stop the clock today, but you can work with it to maximize the odds of success and position yourself more favorably.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You don't have to wait long today to get a yes or no from someone in charge. Whatever the answer is, you can decide.

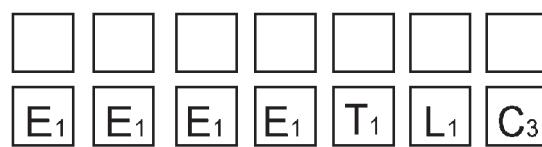
ARIES (March 21-April 19) You've been burning the candle at both ends, and you'll have a chance to catch up a little on sleep—and on social obligations.

Scrabble Grams

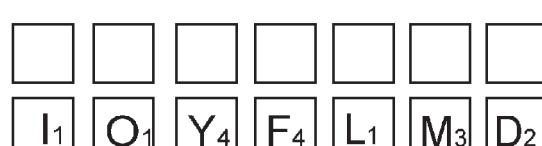
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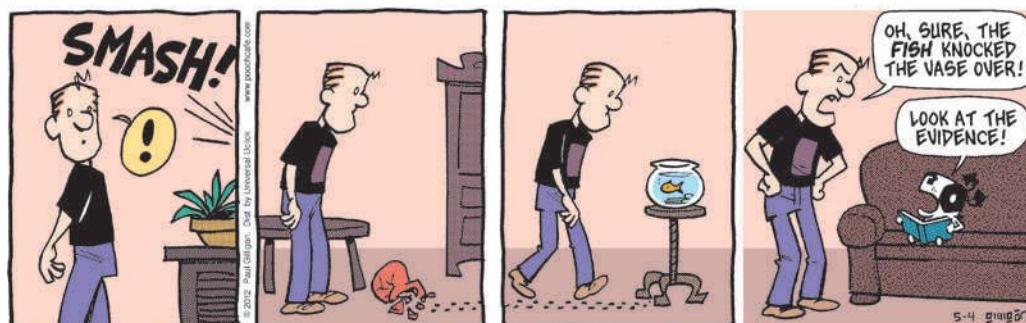
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FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

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Sudoku

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5			2	1	4	6	3
6				7		2	
			7		3		5
9	7				1	6	
					6	5	
4				3		5	
			5	1			6
9	3	6	7	5			1

Yesterday's Solution

8	9	6	4	5	3	7	2	1
2	3	5	8	1	7	6	4	9
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4	5	1	2	6	8	3	9	7

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Forecast



86 | 66

Today: A shower or thunderstorm today. A thunderstorm this evening.



81 | 60

Tomorrow: Warm tomorrow with a t-storm. A t-storm tomorrow night.



76 | 57 76 | 59 78 | 60

Looking Ahead



Sun	Mon	Tue
Sunrise today: 6:07 a.m. Sunset today: 8:04 p.m. Moonrise today: 6:41 p.m. Moonset today: 4:46 a.m. Record low: 36		

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Crossword

ACROSS

1 Redhead of sitcoms
5 Unwelcome greenhouse guest
9 Unpleasantly severe
14 Tyrannical boss
15 Wader with a curved bill
16 Say "I do" without a big do
17 Word with "body" or "grand"
18 Gender-bending Kinks hit
19 Less likely to make mistakes
20 Like many traditions
23 Young kiltie
24 Sundae topping, perhaps
25 Makes mention of (with "to")
27 ___ obstat (error-free)
30 Male goose
32 Tempest in a teapot
33 Scene of any event
36 Time spans

DOWN

39 Neighbor of Bolivia
41 Summer escapes
42 Mosaic piece
43 Impudent talk
44 Estate lawyer's specialties
46 It's much sooner than later
47 Chaperone
49 Turnstile payment
51 Old Persian potentate
53 Emulate an eagle
55 Misfield a ground ball, say
56 Carefree, comfortable existence
62 Morning rouser
64 Guitar lick
65 Drop one's jaw
66 Change the color, again
67 New York state canal
68 Apple figure?
69 "That'll teach you!" look
70 Oft-shed thing
71 "Good" or "bad" ending
34 Army creatures?

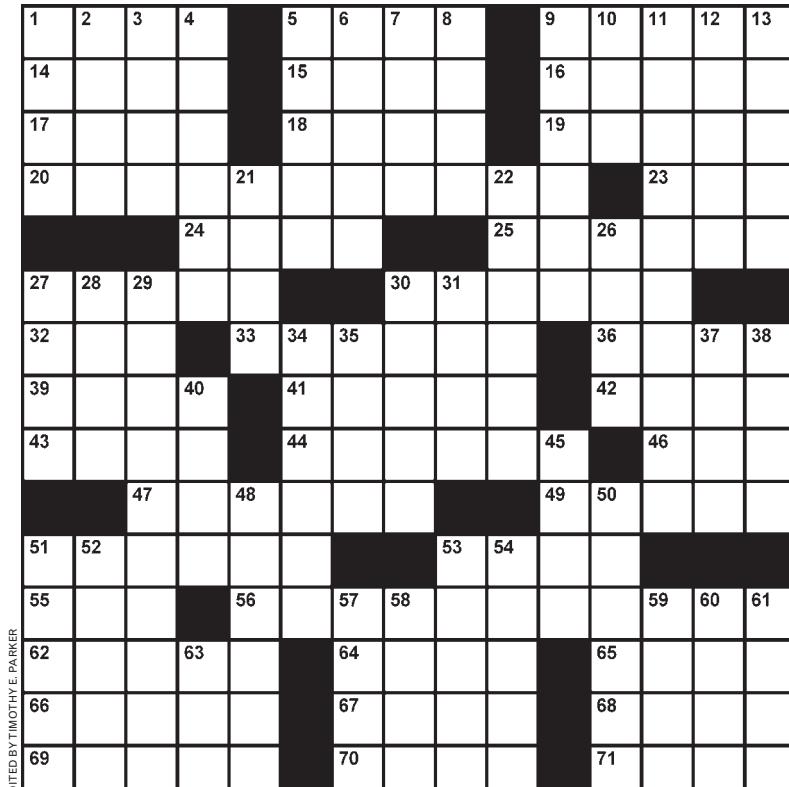
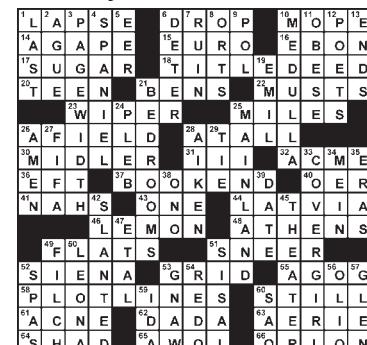
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35 Songstress Vikki
37 Hand-cream additive
38 Hanging on by a thread?
40 World power until 1991
45 Sheriff's badge shape
48 Less agitated
50 Starting point
51 Big name in department stores
52 "I Love a Parade" composer Harold

"LOST IN TRANSLATION"

53 "Lost in Translation" director Coppola
54 Buyer's proposal
57 Worrisome guitar part?
58 Land o' the shamrock
59 Wedding-dress trim
60 Collection of narrative poems
61 Hankerings
63 Type of whiskey or bread

Yesterday's Solution



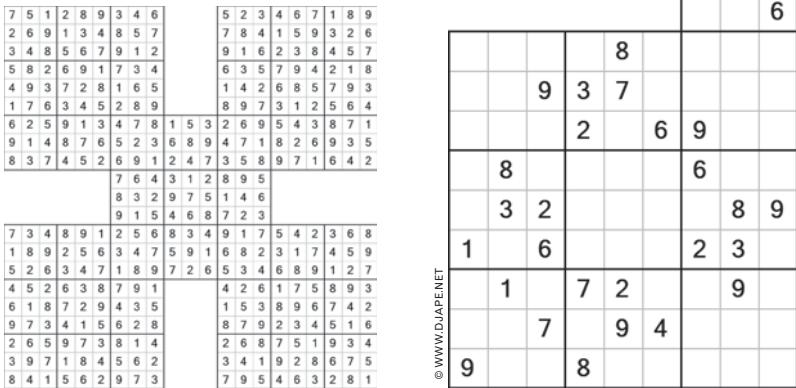
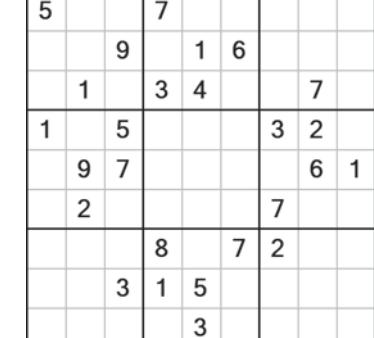
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HIGH COMPLIMENT

Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution



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Today in History

1776 Rhode Island declares its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

1961 The first group of "Freedom Riders" leaves Washington, D.C., on a mission to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

1970 Ohio National Guardsmen opens fire during an anti-war protest attended by hundreds at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

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BABIES
2013's Going to Have to Really Put Out to Beat This

"Dancing With the Stars" champion J.R. Martinez and his girlfriend, Diana Gonzales-Jones, welcomed a baby girl, Laurn Annabelle, Wednesday, Us Weekly reported. Last year, when Martinez found out Gonzales-Jones was expecting, he told People, "Diana and I were just asking ourselves, 'How is 2012 going to top 2011?' Well, we have our answer!" (EXPRESS)



Looking ahead, by 2040 they're going to have to terraform Mars or something.

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SIBLINGS
'Ugh, How Many More Are We Going to Have to Share Our Inheritance With?'

Donald Trump Jr. and his wife, Vanessa, are expecting their fourth child, Usmagazine.com reported. Vanessa Trump told Us that the baby is due in October, that they'll find out the sex of the baby soon, that she's "feeling really good so far" and that the other three children are delighted to have a new sibling on the way. (EXPRESS)

Realizations

'Tour Buses Aren't Airtight?'

Police in Winston-Salem, N.C., cited rapper Wiz Khalifa and members of his band and staff for possession of marijuana Tuesday. An officer approached the tour bus and smelled marijuana. A search warrant said an officer seized a quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, but police wouldn't say how much was found. (EXPRESS)


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PepsiCo Inc. is going on a reunion tour with The King of Pop. The company on Thursday announced its deal with the estate of Michael Jackson to use the late pop star's image for its new global marketing push. The nature of the promotion will vary by country, but will include special-edition cans bearing Jackson's image, a TV ad in some markets and chances to download remixes of Jackson songs. (AP)


EMBARRASSMENT
Baby Names Parents 'Terrible' and 'Choices'

Levi Johnston, father of Bristol Palin's son, Tripp, plans to name his second child, with girlfriend Sunny Oglesby, "Breeze Beretta" after the Beretta handgun, he told "Inside Edition." Johnston proudly displayed a new tattoo reading "Breeze" on a bicep. Of the baby, Oglesby said, "We were out at the cabin for like, four days, and forgot the birth control." (EXPRESS)



"I'm someone who believes being bisexual is actually a thing. It's not made up. It's not a ... decision. It's not being greedy or numerous other ignorant things I've heard at this point."

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